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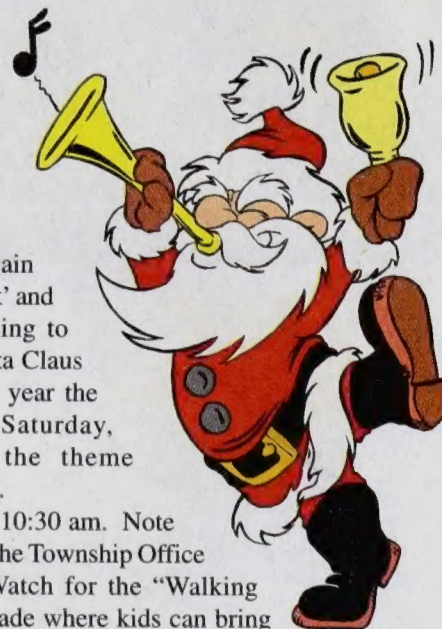
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Minden Santa Claus Parade December 1 - 10:30 a.m.



It's that time of year again when 'Good ol Saint Nick' and the crew will be returning to town for the annual Santa Claus Parade in Minden. This year the event takes place on Saturday, December 1st with the theme "Christmas on the Farm".

The Parade happens at 10:30 am. Note the parade route starts at the Township Office parking lot this year. Watch for the "Walking Mailbox" during the parade where kids can bring their letters for Santa and drop them off in the "Walking Mailbox". After the parade, Santa will be on hand at the Arena for free pictures with the kids. Hot Chocolate and Refreshments will be available and there will be free family skating from 11 am to 1 pm. For more info on the parade or to enter a float, please contact Rick Cox at 286-1260 (ext 220) or by email at rcox@county.haliburton.on.ca.

See more details and schedule of events on pages 8 & 9.

Don't forget about the Lighting of the Christmas Tree and the upcoming Christmas Dance - both events listed in more detail on pg. 9.

Haliburton Village Santa Claus Parade Friday Nov. 23, 6:30pm

It's here - The Haliburton and District Lions Club will be holding it's Santa Claus Parade this Friday evening Nov.23 beginning at 6:30 pm.

Remember that this is an "evening" parade - and anyone who attended last year will remember the spectacle of lights and music witnessed by the large crowd.

This year will not be a disappointment as it's already shaping up to be even better another one to remember. More floats, four marching bands, 2 pipe bands and of course Santa.

Kids! Bring your letters to Santa for "The Walking Mailbox" and don't forget, the Lions Club will again be collecting food stuffs and donations for the food banks. Any cash doantions will be matched by the Lions and Rotary Clubs.

The route will be the same, Haliburton United Church to Highland (main) Street then through the business section. Be there early to get a good spot.

NOTE : Parking will not be allowed along the parade route this year, in answer to several requests, so the viewing should be even better.

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Rails End Gallery launches Postcard Calendar



Finding a postcard of the Highlands is no longer a dilemma thanks to Rails End Gallery's new Postcard Calendar fundraiser.

Gallery volunteers put on their thinking caps and came up with the idea after noticing just how

few postcards are out there that reflect the natural beauty of the Highlands.

The Rails End is both a community resource and a tourist destination in a landmark railway station so this idea felt like a natural fit! Each month features a full colour, seasonal picture that can do double duty as a tear-off postcard once the month is done.



Internationally acclaimed photographer and outdoor adventurer, Mike Beedell, captured the images for the calendar during his stay in Haliburton. For the birdseye views he was helped by fellow Highlands-lover, "Father Goose", Bill Lishman. Beedell has been drawn to the Haliburton Highlands since her was a youth when he attended Bark Lake Leadership Centre.

Organizers hope the community will support it's public programming by purchasing calendars for friend and family this Christmas. Framed prints will be offered for sale in the Gallery Shop during Deck the Walls (Nov 24 – Dec 21) and the Postcard Calendars, affordably priced at just \$17.50, are available in the Gallery Shop or by calling 457-2330

Image info: Pond Hockey in Haliburton – March 2008; Winter Coat Highland Style – December 2008.

Kinmount Celebrates Christmas Lights Across Canada 2007

by Lynne Kilby



Christmas – What comes to mind when you think about the holidays? For some it's the most wonderful time of the year, a time of peace, love, kindness and goodwill towards one another. However, the stress and commotion of the season can often cause many people to be in the "Bah – humbug, be naughty and save Santa the trip mode." Whether you fall into the former or latter category here is a delightful opportunity to experience a joyful, uplifting holiday get-together.

The community of Kinmount cordially invites one and all to join them in their "Lights Across Canada Celebration" which symbolically links communities across the country together in luminous displays of spectacular lights and colour from December 6, 2007 to January 6, 2008. The community has been participating in this Canada wide event for several years. For many this simple event is their favourite community activity.

This is your chance to get into the true holiday spirit by attending this magical celebration that warms both the heart and soul sharing holiday greetings and festive fellowship with family, friends and neighbours. You will partake in some favourite holiday activities. Enjoy the tree lighting, carolling, hot chocolate, treats 'n' sweets, a campfire and of course a special visit from you know who. The ceremony begins at 7:00 p.m., Thursday Dec. 6, at Kinmount Railroad Station. I sincerely hope to see you there but if circumstances do not permit, I now take this opportunity to extend my very best wishes to you and yours throughout the coming year. May you give and receive the very best the human spirit has to offer!

A Little Bit of Everything

Do you need Christmas decorations for your float for the upcoming Christmas parades? Do you need outdoor decorations such as wreaths, plastic candy canes, garland, bows, and signs? Will you need indoor decorations like garlands, tinsel, tree ornaments, bows, candles, stickers, window clings, and Christmas plush characters?

Do you need baking and cooking items such as Christmas plates, bowls, mugs, and drinking glasses, as well as charger plates, metal or plastic serving trays, placemats, and different sized cookie tins? Will you need wrapping items like paper, tissue, gift bows, gift tags, gift boxes, and tape?

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Hawk River Construction

by George Farrell

Spotlight On Business

From Humble Beginnings To One Of The Largest Construction Companies In The Highlands

Indigenous>adjective originating or occurring naturally in a particular place; native. Seeing as how native Canadians never really lived full time in our area, merely visited in order to fish and hunt, I think we can get away with calling Larry Hewitt indigenous. We can do that because he is a "5th or 6th generation Highlander on both sides of the family."

Larry is the owner of Hawk River Construction, the biggest construction outfit based in the Highlands. Larry's parents once owned the Little Hawk Resort, and Larry was lucky enough to grow up there. His parents sold the resort in '76, but by that time Larry had built his own house in '75 on the Hawk River, where he began his own business, in the fall of that year. He started off "doing septic beds and driveway repairs, with the aid of a back hoe and a truck." He was just 21, and he worked by himself for a year or two, but "by 1978 had 8 or 9 people," working for him building sub-division roads around Ross and Percy lakes. That was a turning point in Larry's career because "it gave me the appetite to do more than septic and driveways."

All was not easy however, and like many private owner/operators Larry suffered somewhat during the 80's recession, where interest rates around 16% on financing equipment, kept expansion in check. "People just weren't spending." Again in 1990-91 "people weren't spending due to large layoffs across the board," as corporations

downsized, due in part to the onset of the computer age. "In between those years we only grew a bit," says Larry. Things took a turn for the better when "around '93 or '94 we hired an estimator, Gord Sheffee. It allowed us to expand because he took over some of the responsibilities that kept me occupied."

Larry Hewitt talks about some of the more memorable contracts the company secured. "We won the contract to build the new subdivision roads on the south west side of Kennis Lake. Hawk River built the West Shore Road, and additional side roads, a total of 18 km all told. Plus we also put up the hydro lines, which included clearing the land, putting in the poles and stringing the wires. Another job that we did was all the site-works, which included drilling,

blasting and removing rock, and building the parking lots for the new Curry Motors building." (Just south of Haliburton Village). Larry and Hawk River also built the Hawk Lake Log Chute, "We had to remove the old chute first," he says, "and the following spring we went in with about 10 men and put up the new chute." A naturally modest man, it's hard to get Larry to admit to pride of performance, but in talking to Carol Moffatt, the Co-ordinator of the Log Chute



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project, she has nothing but high praise for Larry, his company and his crew, admitting that without them "the project simply would not have been finished."

Hawk River Construction presently has over 50 people employed, including members of Larry's immediate and extended family; daughter Brittney 26, "who is our accountant," daughter Brianne Pockett 28, "who works here part time," step-daughter Sheri Whiteway 36, and son-in-law Mike Pockett, "who works here as a truck driver." Larry is married to Betty, who is an Ellerington, from Dorset.

The company owns 20 dump and tractor trucks, 4 large front end pit loaders, 13 earth moving excavators, bulldozers and various other pieces of landscape-altering equipment. Hawk Lake's "bread and butter" includes work for municipal contracts, contracts for developers, and private land owners which encompass roads, sewers, and site preparation, as well as land clearing, drilling and blasting. The company also designs and installs septic systems. "We have 3 crews who do landscaping, things like putting up rock retaining walls, and granite steps," Larry continues. "We have to be diverse in order to keep the bulk of our employees busy for 12 months of the year. To that end the company does "snow ploughing and removal and some logging in the winter months. And in the spring we do quite a bit of work on cottage road maintenance." Hawk River also supplies wood for heating.

Larry has seen to it that the business is supplied with raw material from within, and is not dependent on other contractors. "In 2007 we opened our own stone quarry just east of Haliburton, so now we make our own aggregates for septic stones, gabion stone, which is used to line ditches, and various grades of construction gravel. At the West Guilford site we also own a sand and gravel pit where we supply our needs for piece stone, three eights inch round rock for pathways and playgrounds, river stone, which is round, 3" rock, used for things like around foundations and under house eaves in order to stop rainwater from splashing up. And we also supply ourselves with filter sand for tile beds.

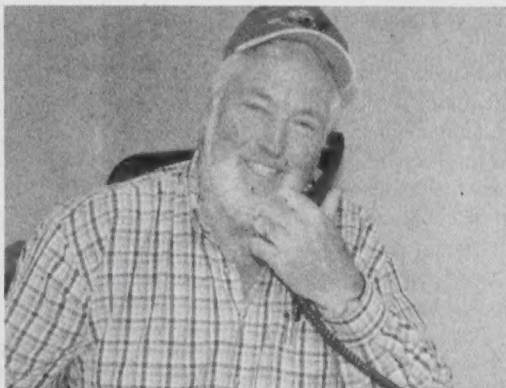
Asked what the future holds for construction in the county, and for Hawk River Construction, it's no surprise for those in the know, when Larry says, "I see smaller cottages being torn down and mega' cottages replacing them. Unfortunately I see the working man in the future not being able to afford a cottage. It used to be that the blue collar workers were the cottage owners-that's all changing." The way Larry expresses himself with this revelation shows that his roots and sympathies lie with the working man, as he is the perfect example of just what hard work at one time, could accomplish. "But our business is likely to increase," he concedes. "Our regular customers are what keep us going-we have a full-service operation that enables us to do a job from start to finish, and keep with our own time frames. We don't need to depend on outside contractors and their schedules. We've got enough equipment now to make something happen. We're not dependent

on one machine if it breaks down on the job-we've got some depth."

Looking still further into the future, and the inevitable retirement,

Larry says, "I can see myself getting out of it sometime. I do like what I'm doing, and right now retirement isn't imminent." (I can hear some sighs of relief out there). "I don't have anybody right now to hand the reigns over to. There's nobody yet with the complete overview, and the bigger it gets the harder it is to find somebody to do that." It's a bit of a quandary, and you can tell that Larry is concerned about that, and also about the future of his staff when the inevitable day comes. "We employ 50 local workers.

When outside outfitters are contracted in the Highlands they bring their own people, their own equipment, and their own fuel. The only things they leave are their dirty coffee cups." This is a telling statement from Larry Hewitt. It shows that he is aware of his place in our community. It shows that he knows that employing 50 local people is also important, and it shows that the worst thing that could happen to Hawk River Construction is



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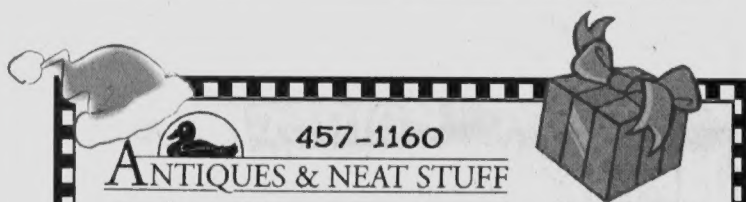
Come out to read or just enjoy good cheer and the stories of others. Special guests will join in from Muskoka writers' circles and other regions.

The festivities will be held at the Pepper Mill Restaurant in Carnarvon on Tuesday, December 4. Cocktails will be at 6 p.m. and a full buffet supper will be served at 7 p.m.

This year will also feature a silent auction to support HHWEN activities in 2008. Bring along your Christmas gift list.

Call Pauline Johnson at 705-489-3878 for tickets or to be put on the program. The cost is \$25 for members of HHWEN and its affiliates and \$28 for non members. Advance ticket sales only. Be sure to order tickets early. At the last event, the restaurant could not hold many who left it too late to get tickets.

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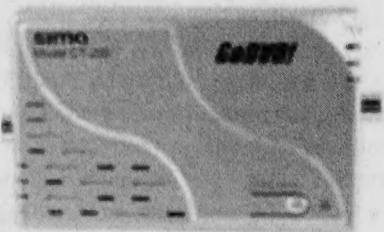
When you heat your hair with a curling iron, you can go from straight hair to a heedful of curls in just a few minutes. Why? Heat causes chains of protein molecules inside each hair to start to vibrate and pull apart. The hair then "softens" in much the same way as a sheet of

plastic will soften when heated. And, like the plastic, if you shape your hair when it's soft, then let it cool, it will "harden" into the new shape. A curling-iron not only heats your hair to soften it, but it also shapes your hair into a curl

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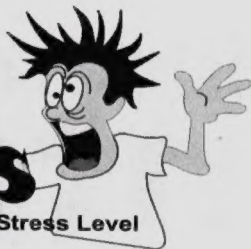
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that an outside interest eventually takes over. You just know that if he has anything to do with it he won't let that happen, because Larry is just too involved in the well-being of the community to consider such a thing.

Larry joined the Outdoor Association (HHOA) "in '93 or '94," and was instrumental in acquiring property and the construction of the Fish hatchery, as well as being part of the funding team. Also in connection with the HHOA he sits on the science steering committee for the Haliburton Lake Trout Project, a project which operates in conjunction with the MNR. Wife Betty and Larry have been involved with 8 Conservation dinners at the Pinestone, which raise funds for the hatchery, and for the last three years Larry has been the Chair of that particular committee. He is a founding member of the Haliburton Highlands Water Trails, which oversees canoe routes from the Hawk Lake area on up to Lake Kawagama. He was formerly on the Trails and Tours committee, and for the last several years he has led a hike through the Clear Lake conservation area. I guess you could say that Larry is 'of the land', and yes, indigenous, though I'm not sure he'd like that moniker.

In summation of Hawk River Construction, Larry simply says "our biggest claim to fame is that we get things accomplished." Here's what Don Popple, owner of Curry Motors, has to say about Larry Hewitt and his company. "He certainly did a great job for us-I can say that. He has the ability to take a piece of raw land, which is full of hills and rock, and envision what it can be, and then deliver the goods. Not everybody can do that. Just take a look at what he did here." Enough said.

You can reach Hawk River Construction at 82 Mallard Rd (in Industrial Park), Box 1041, Haliburton ON. Tel (705) 457-1386, Fax (705) 457-9098.

Dumb Criminals

Dumb Criminals



Calling ALL Cars:

A city police officer showed he'll do just about anything to catch his man - even borrow the suspect's car.

Officer James Butler was working security inside a local Wal-Mart store when he heard the blare of a car stereo in the parking lot. The driver of the car, Derrick Sanders, 25, was wanted on more than a half-dozen warrants.

Sanders jumped out of the car and took off running when he was asked for identification.

Butler said he looked around before quickly deciding his next move.

"I got in his car and started after him," Butler said.

The suspect disappeared into a nearby Radio Shack.

Sanders "looked pretty confused" to see his own car in pursuit, Butler said. "He didn't know what to think."

Butler used the car to block the store's back door. Employees blocked the front door, and minutes later Butler had Sanders in custody.

It wasn't the first time Butler took unusual means to catch his man. In 1995, he caught a shoplifter after he hitched a ride from a passing motorist, borrowed a man's bicycle and drove a mo-ped the suspect had stolen and crashed.

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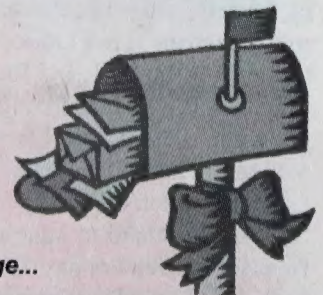
Floats to meet and commence in the public parking lot behind the municipal building, to leave at 10:30 a.m., from municipal parking lot to Newcastle Street/Bobcaygeon Road" and north to the S.G.



Participants are encouraged to register ahead of time by either phone 705 286-1260 ext 220, email rcox@county.haliburton.on.ca or fax 705 286-6005.

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"Not very many people remember it now, but the train at the High School was brought to Haliburton by the Rotary Club."

Rotary Commits to \$75 K for Digital Imaging

By Terrance Gavan

Rotary president Lon Duncombe remembers back in 1960's when the Rotary brought the train to town.

"Not very many people remember it now, but the train at the High School was brought to Haliburton by the Rotary Club," says Duncombe.

Like the old steam engine, the Rotary remains an entrenched part of the vivid Haliburton landscape.



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charities.

"For instance we recently gave \$10,000 to Sir Sanford Fleming, but we also donate

Unlike the old locomotive, Haliburton Rotary moves to stay current with an ever-changing pastiche of projects, continuing its programs of advocacy and philanthropy on a local and worldwide level.

Most recently they have jumped on board the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation flatcar, dedicating a sizable and ambitious \$75 K commitment to the HHHSF's Digital Imaging Archives Program.

The Picture Archiving Communication Systems (PACS) has already been installed at Minden and Haliburton Health Care facilities, but the \$1.1 million price tag for the project is still outstanding.

The HHHSF has embarked on a 3-year, \$2.5 million Reach For The Future Campaign to sustain expenditures for the PACS and other hospital and health care upgrades in Haliburton and Minden.

In October, the Rotary Club presented the HHHSF board with its first \$15 K installment on their projected \$75 K donation.

HHHSF Executive Director Dale Walker said she was very happy that the Rotary had agreed to step in with such a sizable donation to the PACS technology.

"Over the years the Rotary, and all of the service clubs, have been very generous and we are very grateful for their continued support," said Walker.

Duncombe says that the Rotary felt comfortable with the commitment because of the success of their fundraisers.

"We hold the carnival every summer and the car raffle and golf tournament have been very successful, especially over the past few years," says Duncombe.

Duncombe adds that the \$75,000 commitment is spread over five years and that the projects undertaken by the Rotary come as a result of member interaction at meetings.

At present the Rotary has 36 members in Haliburton and they get together as a group to target goals and assess projects.

Duncombe says that all members can provide input and suggestions, adding that they usually earmark funds for both local

funds overseas," says Duncombe.

They have supported an Eye Clinic in India and are also involved in an HIV/Aids project in Africa. They are also very involved in a Wheelchair Campaign, providing wheelchairs to the disabled.

"We cut a wide swath, but we do commit a lot of funds locally," says Duncombe.

He says local causes are processed on a case-by-case basis with all members having input into the final decisions.

Funds are raised via the highly successful car raffle and also via the Rotary Golf Classic in July and the Rotary Auction in February.

If it seems like a lot of work for 36 people, well, it probably is. But, you probably won't hear any complaining from the dedicated cadre of Rotary members. And you certainly won't hear a word of complaint from the current President Lon Duncombe.

"Well I'm here for a one year term," laughs Duncombe. He explains that the Rotary accepted a doctrine of term limits of one year when it first arrived in Haliburton.

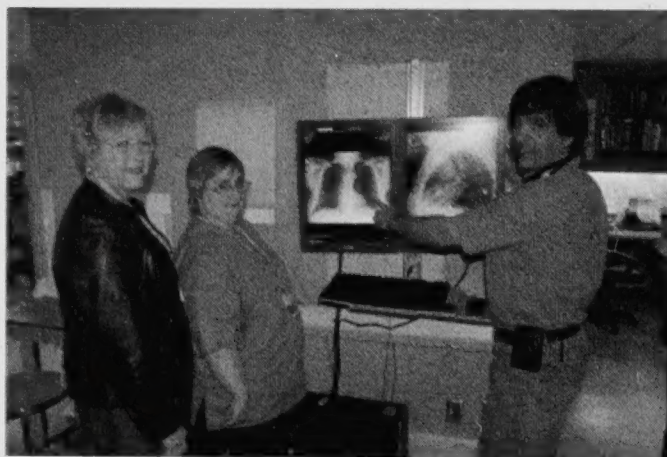
"So if you stay in the Rotary long enough," says Duncombe,

"chances are that you're going to be President one year."

There are more than 32,000 Rotary Clubs in over 200 countries sharing a vision to provide humanitarian service, encourage high ethical standards in all vocations, and help build goodwill and peace in the world.

The Haliburton Rotary is just one piece of the giant Rotary puzzle.

The first Rotary Club was founded in 1905 in Chicago by attorney Paul P Harris: on Feb 23, 1905 Harris held the first meeting with

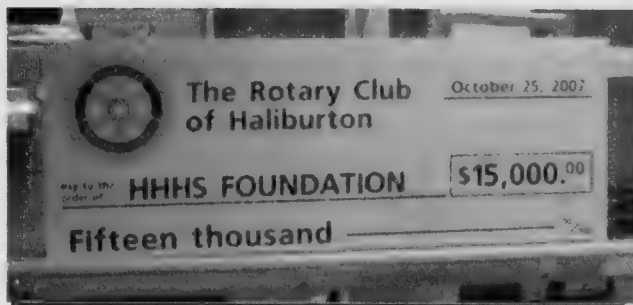


Pictured with our new digital imaging system is Dale Walker, Judy O'Connell & Dr. Greg Karaguesian

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Rotary Club Donation Kicks off the HHHSF Campaign

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three friends, Silvester Schiele, coal merchant, Gustave E. Loehr, mines engineer and Hiram E. Shorey, tailor. The members chose the name Rotary because they rotated club meetings to each member's office each week.

One of the first non-US Rotary chapters was started in Winnipeg in 1910 and then a club was formed in Dublin in 1911 marking it as a truly international organization.

Rotary has been a major contributor to the defeat of polio in parts of the world that still suffer from the scourge.

Decades ago, polio outbreaks were a constant threat around the world. After the introduction of polio vaccines by Jonas Salk and Albert Sabin and a steadfast immunization effort, these outbreaks became part of history in most of the world.

Yet many still live under the threat of polio, which is why Rotary and its global partners are committed to reaching every child with the vaccine and ending this disease worldwide.

In the 1980s, 1,000 children were infected by the disease every day in 125 countries. Today, polio cases have declined by 99 percent, with fewer than two thousand cases reported in 2006.

Today, two billion children have been immunized, five million have been spared disability, and over 250,000 deaths from polio have been prevented and a great deal of the credit can be attributed to the Rotary and their legacy campaign.

Haliburton Rotary has remained a vibrant part of the Highlands community since its inception in 1944.

Their latest donation and commitment to the Digital Imaging Archive project here in the Highlands speaks to the efficacy of its good work.

The rotary club can be reached on the web via: <http://www.clubrunner.ca/CPrG/home/homeA.asp?cid=201>

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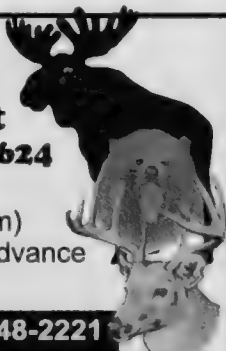
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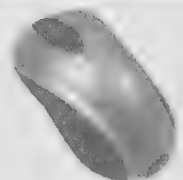
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New Business

Introducing ...

Dollar + Days

Nemi and Amin Gowani have been busy as beavers since they arrived in the Highlands four years ago from Oklahoma, with children Reema and Alnoor in tow. Nemi runs the Pioneer Gas station on highway 35, and now the couple has opened Dollar + Days on Bobcaygeon Rd in Minden.

The new store was formerly the showroom of Highlands Plumbing, who are now located in the rear of the building. The facade has been transformed into a gleaming white and green-trimmed welcome addition to the general facelifting, which has transformed the downtown core.

"A lot of customers (at Pioneer) were always asking me where there was a dollar store in town," Nemi says. She would send them to the one available dollar store located in the Heritage Plaza, but as requests kept coming, she felt that there was room for a second dollar store in the area. "We have analyzed the market and realized that the demand is there," says Nemi.

When you walk into Dollar + Days the first thing that strikes you is that everything is new and gleaming, thanks to Jim Davison who is responsible for the interior construction, as well as the exterior facade work. The store is spacious at 2000 square feet, and the shelves are stocked to capacity with every kind of item imaginable.

What's In The Store

Nemi and Amin take deep breathes and start to name off some of the items available. "We have party supplies, hosiery, kitchen ware, school supplies, gift ware, T shirts, caps, specialty candles and DVD's and CD's for \$1," Amin commences. "Everything is exported from outside the country," Nemi states, "mainly from the U.S." The couple is using their American connections to the benefit of the local consumers. With the Canadian dollar at an all-time high against its U.S. counterpart "the time is right for us," Nemi continues. "Many of our items you won't find in any Canadian dollar store; like our Natura Aromas, for instance." These aromas, beautifully bottled, are contained in a handsome display which informs you that you can use the drops of any number of aromas on your light bulbs, diffusers, and to freshen-up your potpourri. On the other

side of the aromas display is a large assortment of incense sticks. "We have sun glasses, and reading glasses for \$1 and up," chimes

in Amin. And for the women there's a full line of Jordana cosmetics including lipsticks, foundation, mascaras, eye shadow, nail polish etc. Each Jordana cosmetics item goes for \$2.99. There are cell phone car chargers available for \$4.99, gift-wrapping products, and helium balloons for parties.

Nemi and Amin are seasonally aware product-wise, and right now there is

a plethora of Christmas decorations and party supplies in stock. Most of the items are in the \$1 to \$2 dollar range. It would be almost impossible to name all the items in the store.

The store opened its doors on October the 19th and according to Nemi's calculations they had 1200 people pay them a visit on opening day. "Jim Davidson and Lynda Stanley helped us set up the store," says Nemi thankfully. Lynda, as well as Peter Mathwich are helping with in-store retail sales. Also helping with setting up the store were sisters Beatrice and Donelda Alton. Both Nemi and Amin would also like to thank the Pioneer staff, who assisted when time permitted.

"And before I forget," says Nemi, "tell the people that we have an ATM machine, and we accept debit and credit cards."

"We've had many positive comments especially from the seniors," concludes Nemi, "and we want to thank all the people who helped, and especially our customers who have made the first month such a success."

Dollar + Days is located at 53 Bobcaygeon Road in beautiful downtown Minden. Hours are 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday to Saturday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday. You can call the store at (705) 286-3338.

Pictured: Amin and Lynda Stanley look after

customer Kari Upton at the front counter; The all-occasion card rack; Customers check out the items on the shelves; Owners Nemi and Amin Gowani outside Dollar + Days store

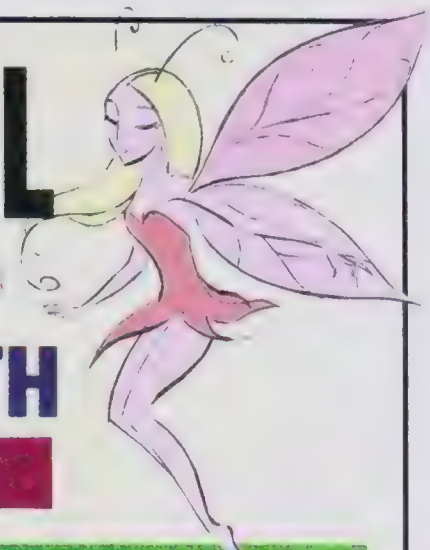


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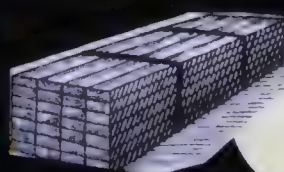
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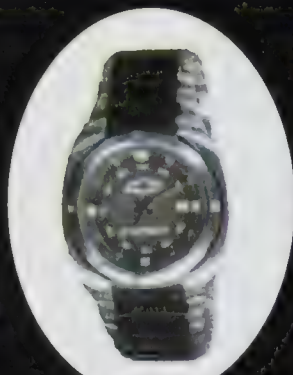
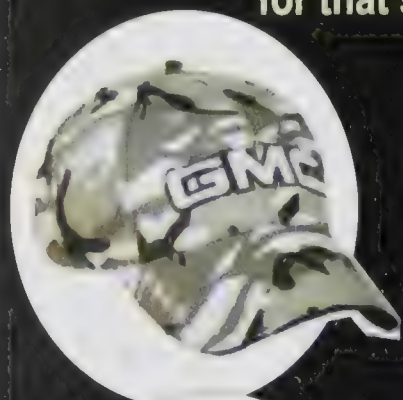


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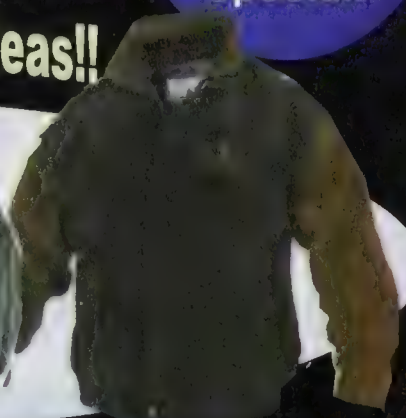
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Introducing Our Local Special Olympics

Curling Team

The Highlands now has a Special Olympics' curling team, which is located in Minden. The Haliburton Red Wolves is a team comprised of youth and adult athletes, who are developmentally challenged. The team consists of members Skylar Pratt, Brad Trumbull, Douglas Walli, Jason Hollowell, and Trevor Brauer. The coach is Minden Hills resident John Kellett.

"I'd been thinking about it for a while," says John. "My son Jason was part of the Special Olympics bowling team, which was run by Linda Brandon for many years. She stepped down as head coach, and I took over as coach of the bowling team, in the summer of this year. At the Special Olympics torch run I spoke to area co-ordinator Kathi Jones, and told her I was interested in starting a curling team. She said that was great because there was funding there for that."

"Kathi's mom lives in Minden and is an active member of the curling club," John adds. "When she heard about my idea she told me that the club was willing to help with fundraisers. We've had really overwhelming support from the curling club. They've accommodated us with the schedule, and Steve Robson, who is the president of the club, told me that they had waived the fee for us. That definitely helps with some of the athletes because they're on a disability pension. Having an activity that doesn't cost the parent, care-giver or the athlete, is a great thing."

The Red Wolves meet for practice, once a week on Monday, from 4:30-5:30. "They are also leaning the game," says John. "They're no different from anyone else, they need the activity. It helps them to take their minds off their disabilities, and helps them realize what they're capable of. The bowling and the curling gives the athletes 2 nights to look forward to," he says. "We practice in order to participate in bonspiels that are run through the Special Olympics. There are other teams in southern Ontario, and we've already been approached by the Special Olympics who want us to host a bonspiel some time in December, either here in Minden or in Haliburton."

Things are happening at a furious pace for the new team, and John has some concerns about their readiness. "Because we're still in the formative stages our team is not ready for a bonspiel right now, but by December we will be," he states with unbridled optimism. "They've come a long way after just 3 practices. Many of the athletes' parents have curled, and they are very supportive."

John feels that his efforts are an expansion on "what we've

basically already been doing for Jason, who's autistic." John is married to Deborah Lyons, who owns the Storeroom Natural Foods store in Minden.



"I like sweeping," says Jason, 20. "I also like Russ, our coach, and I like throwing the rocks and hollering 'sweep' at the sweepers."

"The athletes don't worry about anything," John says, in response to his son's comments. "Something might happen, and then they move on. They don't care if they throw a bad rock. Life is for living, and they all love to participate." John and Deborah have done a remarkable job in insuring that Jason gets the physical activity that any young man his age needs, though it's a great thing when extra hands and minds lend a hand.

"It's all volunteer work," John explains. "Russ Duhaime who is an Education Assistant at Archie Stouffer, helps out as a coach. Coral Pratt, who is a high school student, helps out. Her sister Skylar is on our team. Others who help are Yvette Brauer, whose son Trevor participates, and Jennifer McCrea, who is also a coach with both the curling and bowling teams."

Athletes and Volunteer Drivers Needed

"Right now we have five athletes coming out and we're looking for more," says John.

"Eight or more would be ideal. That way we could have games among ourselves. It would make it more enjoyable, help us understand the game better, and improve at a faster rate."

What the Red Wolves need as much as additional players are volunteer drivers. "Some athletes might like to come from Haliburton, and other areas of the county," John explains. "Drivers don't have to help out on the ice, they could go to Tim Hortons for an hour, but if they wanted to help out that would be great. We're also going to need some volunteers in the area of organizing our bonspiel, and getting to others," he states. "Hopefully more parents and care-givers will see this as a great activity for them to become involved with."

The Red Wolves are also looking for some sponsors, so any group or organization looking to sponsor a great cause should contact John Kellett. Volunteers, parents and care-givers can also contact John at (705) 286-2183.

Pictured: The Red Wolves Curling Team and Coaches: Skylar Pratt, Brad Trumbull, Douglas Walli, Jason Hollowell, Trevor Brauer (athletes), Coral Pratt, John Kellett (coaches). Not shown are Coaches Russ Duhaime and Jennifer McCrea.

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By Terrance Gavan

Skiing with Kevin

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I lost a friend last week.

I loved to ski with Kevin.

Like me, he was a ski instructor, who came to the business a little later on in life.

He loved to teach skiing. I mean really, really loved to teach. He was one of those throwbacks.

The instructor who would rather be out teaching than skiing. Give Kevin 18 inches of powder and a blue sky and he would be scanning the horizon for someone, anyone to teach.

And believe me, with 18 inches of untracked snow and bright skies, most ski instructors are not seeking out students.

Skiing with Kevin, always made me feel good.

The feedback was always positive and he was always ready with a tip, a smile and a nice word.

"Terry, man. You're skiing well... I'm hearing a lot of positive things."

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Did I mention that I loved to ski with Kevin?

A couple of years back we were in Tremblant. A couple from South America got off at the top. They looked... ummm... uncomfortable. Kevin was there.

"You look like you need some help."

And for the next 3 hours Kevin took them around, slowly cajoling and teaching and offering that good positive advice.

By the end of the day, tepid frowns had changed to wide, wide grins.

"Kevin, what are you doing tomorrow?"

So it wasn't just me.

Everyone loved to ski with Kevin.

I won't be skiing with Kevin this year. Kevin passed on November 8 while waiting for a liver transplant.

I am hit like a brick. Kevin and I shared that as well.

I was once, 9 years ago, on the limp edge of a struggle with liver disease. At one point my specialist in Winnipeg was considering a transplant as inevitable.

A year later my liver came back.

So Kevin knew I could relate in some small way to what he was going through as he battled, worked and explored options.

I never saw him down. At the end of the season last year he was out with his cousin, helping him with the basics as his cousin prepared for his Level 1 Instructor's course. I knew that Kevin was hurting.

It was a nice day though and Kevin was doing what he loved. His cousin went out and passed his exam and is now out west at Big White... teaching skiing.

He loved to ski with Kevin too.

I'll miss skiing with Kevin.

But please, before you go... know what I know.

Kevin is skiing today. And it's all shirtsleeves, 20 inches of champagne powder, blue skies, a 15,000 vertical and 7 mile outrun.

A guy named Peter is asking Kevin for a lesson.

Kevin stares down at a broad expanse of untracked white.

"You got it Peter, just drop in and follow my tracks... and did I tell you... man, you are skiing really well today!"

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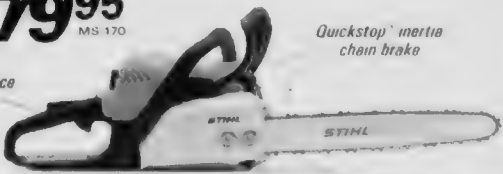
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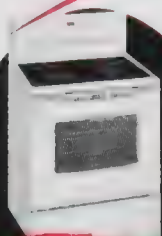
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I've learned that you can keep vomiting long after you think you're finished.

I've learned that we are responsible for what we do, unless we are celebrities.

I've learned that it takes years to build up trust, and it only takes suspicion, not proof, to destroy it.

I've learned that you can get by on charm for about fifteen minutes. After that, you better be well-endowed.

I've learned that regardless of how hot and steamy a relationship is at first, the passion fades, and there had better be a lot of money to take its place.

I've learned that 99% of the time when something isn't working in your house, one of your kids did it.

I've learned that people you care most about in life are taken from you too soon and all the less important ones just never go away.

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Who Dun-it?

Welcome back! Walking alone in the evening in a bad neighborhood in a foreign city isn't always a prudent idea – as the victim of this month's mini-mystery learns. Luckily for him, not only does he survive, but a local amateur logician helps the police finger the criminal. Can you? Bon chance! Stan

THE CASE OF THE FRENCH PROFESSOR

"The nine-year-old mind at work!" Walker proudly exclaimed. The inspector handed an inscribed certificate across his desk to Stanwick.

"Well, now!" said Stanwick. The amateur logician examined the document carefully. "Second prize in the school checkers tournament. Good for Peter!"

"He's a fiend for board games," said Peter Walker's father.

"Especially checkers. He and his brother also like to team up for Duopoly. I think he's about ready to learn chess."

"An important rite of passage," laughed Stanwick as he handed back the certificate. "So what has the almost-champ's dad been busy with this week?"

"I just got back from questioning two suspects in a mugging. A visiting Frenchman was hit with a club and robbed. Did you see

this in today's paper?" Walker handed across a folded section of newspaper. Stanwick took it and read: FRENCH PROFESSOR ATTACKED.

"Olivier Presmonger, a professor at the University of Lyon, was attacked and robbed last evening about nine-thirty as he walked from the French cultural center on Fremont Street, where he had just concluded a lecture. His watch and his wallet, which contained both European and American currency, were taken. Presmonger is recovering at Royston General. Police are investigating."

"That part of Fremont Street is a dangerous neighborhood," Walker said. "We brought in the two suspects this morning. Simon Salomar, 32, is a career fence and occasional mugger who has lived here in Royston all his life. He has a girlfriend and a child by her. 'Little Rick' Wheaton, 27, is a burly, bald fellow who does the enforcing for a small-time racketeer downtown. He's been a suspect in several muggings, and has no family. Both have been in jail several times and are known to frequent the area of the crime."

"I see," said Stanwick, tossing the newspaper onto Walker's desk. "And how is the professor doing?"

"He has a mild concussion, but should be fine. He was struck from behind while walking back to his hotel, and remembers nothing."

"Did you have any luck with your questioning?"

"I'm not sure yet. Both men said they knew nothing about any mugging last night, so I showed them each that article. Salomar denied 'bashing the Frenchie,' but said that if he had 'he would have caved in his skull.' He said he spent last evening with his girl and his kid."

"Wheaton also denied involvement. He rents a room at the Olsen boardinghouse, and says he took a nap there in the early evening and then showed up at the Blumen Road pool hall 'about ten.' Neither therefore has a reliable alibi witness for the time of the crime."

"Presmonger! Of course!" exclaimed Stanwick. "The anthropologist. Didn't he study the prehistoric cave paintings found in the south of France last year? I knew I had heard the name somewhere."

"Anthropology is his field, yes. I'll take your word about the cave paintings."

"Presmonger, indeed," murmured Stanwick. "One of your suspects is definitely implicated in the crime, Matt."

WHOM DOES STANWICK SUSPECT?

Solution on pg. 53....



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A lifetime of dedication to nature: R.D. Lawrence Honoured

IFAW (The International Fund for Animal Welfare) presented Sharon Lawrence with the prestigious IFAW Lifetime Achievement Award for her late husband Ronald Douglas Lawrence on Monday, November 19 at the soon to be opened R.D. Lawrence Place in the Village of Minden.

"It is a privilege for IFAW to honour RD Lawrence and to recognize his passion, his dedication and commitment to animals and our natural environment," said Olivier Bonnet, Director IFAW Canada.

Lawrence was a renowned naturalist, a prolific and highly respected conservation author, a hands-on wildlife rehabber, and a powerful advocate for wolves.

"A gifted storyteller, Ron helped thousands to connect to the lives of animals and, because of this connection, seek to protect them," said Mr. Bonnet. "He made us care about individual animals, about entire species, and about the beauty and wonder of our Canadian natural heritage."

R.D. Lawrence has written more than 30 books, including *Wildlife in Canada*, *Cry Wild*, *The North Runner*, *In Praise of Wolves* and *The Natural History of Canada*.



He was instrumental in establishing the Haliburton Wolf Centre in 1993. This Centre today receives more than 30,000 visitors annually, who learn about wolves, their environment and our role in co-existing with them.

Ron would have been very humbled by this award," Said Sharon Lawrence. "He had a profound respect for nature and through his books he continues to share his passion – motivating us all to protect our precious natural world.

R. D. Lawrence Place is the newest component of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. The building was designed and built through the Sustainable Building Program of Fleming College. It has been chosen as the home of the R.D. Lawrence literary collection and will be an active centre, inviting children and adults to learn more about nature. Fun and interactive displays will provide unique opportunities to learn about nature and conservation. R.D. Lawrence Place will officially open in Spring 2008.

For a complete story on R.D. Lawrence, his life story - see pgs. 32 - 35

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It's the Law

It's the Law

An old law in Great Britain made it illegal for anyone to drive a car from the back seat!

In Brewton, Alabama, it's against the law to ride down the street in a motorboat!

Residents of Beijing, China, are forbidden by



law to own dogs, but they can rent them at a rate of twenty-three cents for ten minutes!

All sturgeon fish caught in British waters are the sole property of the queen of England!

Crazy But True Law Suits

The Louisville Slugger...

If you play or even watch sports, you know there is small a risk of injury. As someone who has played football, soccer, basketball, baseball, Ultimate frisbee, and even raced bicycles over the years, I've managed to injure myself in every sport I've ever played.

Who hasn't been hit with baseballs, hit with bats, power tackled by guys twice their size, kicked in the shins, kicked in the head, whacked in the groin, sprained both ankles several times, wiped out on their bike on a number of occasions... the list goes on...

In the past, thousands of people have been injured playing baseball. They've been hit by pitches, hit with cleats, hit by other players, hit with bats, and even hit with balls smacked back at them. Jose Canseco, the Oakland A's outfielder, was once bonked on the head with a flyball, causing it to bounce over the outfield fence, resulting in a home run.

So if baseball players know all this, why is Daniel Hannant of Pittsfield, Illinois suing the maker of Louisville Slugger bats for over \$1 million?

According to the lawsuit, on April 1, 2000, 17-year-old Hannant was pitching for his high school baseball team, the Pittsfield Saukees, against the Calhoun Pioneers.

The Calhoun team was using an "Air Attack 2 Model BB 12 [-5] Louisville Slugger TPX Bat," a high-tech aluminum bat. The batter hit one of Hannant's pitches and nailed him right in the head, causing "serious and life-threatening injuries."

According to the lawsuit, "Due to H&B's design and construction of the Bat, the exit speed of the baseball from the Bat was so great that Hannant was unable to react to the baseball so as to protect himself from being struck, and the baseball struck him in the head."

For those of you who didn't know high school players can use aluminum bats, let me point out that only professional players use wooden bats. College, high school, and even little league players can use aluminum bats, as can men and women softball players.

Why? So players can hit a ball harder, faster, and farther. It says so right on the bat. That's called a "marketing feature." Another bat manufacturer actually boasts an exit speed of 115 mph.

Although people use high-tech bats for this reason, Hannant says that H&B had a duty to design the Bat so it was not defective or "unreasonably dangerous" when it was used for its original purpose.

He also asserts that H&B failed to place warning labels that said the Bat, "could cause the baseball to be propelled with such velocity that when hit directly towards a pitcher it does not allow the pitcher sufficient reaction time to avoid being struck."

Mortgage Term vs Mortgage Amortization

The term is an agreement between you and the lender on the interest rate. If a 5 year term is agreed upon neither party can increase or decrease the rate until the 5 year term ends. When the term ends the mortgage is open and you can then negotiate a new rate and term with the lender. You may at this point move your mortgage to a different lender if you want; perhaps they are offering a more competitive rate.

If you do want to break the mortgage term with your lender, a common situation when this occurs, is the selling of ones home. The lender charges a prepayment penalty. A rule of thumb, while far from accurate, is to figure on 3 months of mortgage payments.

The amortization is the overall length of time it will take to pay off the mortgage. With current changes you can now take up to 40 years to pay off most mortgages. Keep in mind the longer you take to pay off your mortgage the more it will cost you in interest expense.

For example a \$100,000.00 mortgage at 6% amortized over 40 years would cost you \$161,639.00 in interest expense. If the mortgage was amortized over 25 years the interest cost for your home purchase would be \$91,940.00 - a savings to you of \$69,699.00. Wow!

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In my next article I will discuss simple ways and tricks to pay your mortgage off faster and cheaper.

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Lange on the Law *Donald Lange*

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Judging Credibility #2

Our sage, veteran trial judge had the following additional guidelines about the art of judging credibility:

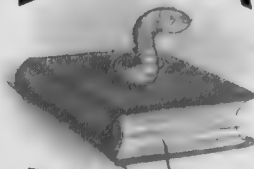
"The appearance and demeanour of the witness and the impression made as to the witness' honesty and truthfulness is also only one of the factors to consider in determining the witness' credibility. The finding of credibility should not depend solely on which witness made the better appearance of honesty and sincerity in the witness stand. If credibility was decided on that basis alone it would lead to a purely arbitrary finding, and justice would depend to a large extent on how and who made the best impression in the witness stand.

Where there are conflicting and contradictory accounts, the judge should consider what facts are beyond dispute or indisputable, add to those facts such other facts as seen very likely to be true, and then examine which of the conflicting accounts best accords with those facts. The conflicting testimony of a witness may be judged to be unreliable if his evidence is, in any serious respect, inconsistent with the undisputed or indisputable and otherwise found facts. When the judge has done his best to separate the true from the false by these more or less objective tests, the judge should consider which story is more probable. The test of the truth of the story of a witness in cases of serious conflict must be its harmony with the preponderance of probabilities which a practical and informed person would readily recognize as reasonable in the light of the existing circumstances and conditions. The judge endeavours to determine, if possible, which of the conflicting stories is more consistent with the probabilities and the surrounding circumstances and conditions when examined in the background of the evidence as a whole."

In the next column, I will be talking about estate litigation.

Caparison

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Word

Ve-par-e-sen'n *1a: an ornamental covering for a horse b: decorative trappings and harness 2: rich clothing: adornment.

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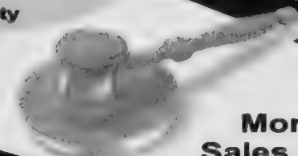
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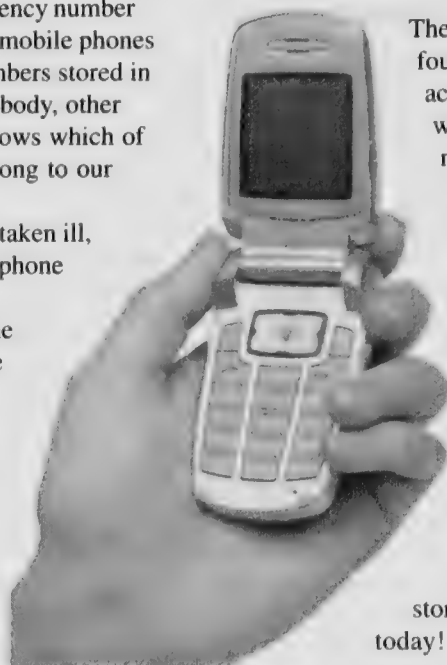
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In Case Of Emergency number
We all carry our mobile phones
with names & numbers stored in
its memory but nobody, other
than ourselves, knows which of
these numbers belong to our

closest family or friends.

If we were to be involved in an accident or were taken ill,
the people attending us would have our mobile phone
but wouldn't know who to call. Yes, there are
hundreds of numbers stored but which one is the
contact person in case of an emergency? Hence
this "ICE" (In Case of Emergency) Campaign

The concept of "ICE" is catching on quickly.
It is a method of contact during emergency
situations. As cell phones are carried by the
majority of the population, all you need to do
is store the number of a contact person or
persons who should be contacted during
emergency under the name "ICE" (In Case Of
Emergency).



The idea was thought up by a paramedic who
found that when he went to the scenes of
accidents, there were always mobile phones
with patients, but they didn't know which
number to call. He therefore thought that
it would be a good idea if there was a
nationally recognized name for this
purpose. In an emergency situation,
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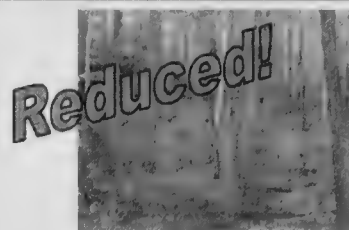


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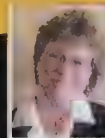
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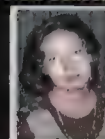
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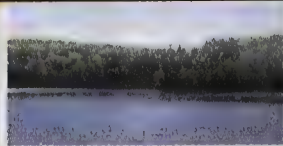
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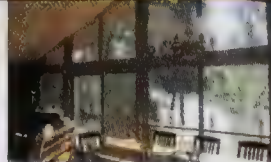
Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel *



What a Find - \$349,000

Approx. 800 ft of lakefront on Bitter Lake . 4 acres of nicely treed private property. Driveway onto the property by way of a deeded access from Bitter Lake Road. Many building sites on this large lot. Varied shoreline with some beautiful exposed granite and easy access to the water from many areas.

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Anthony vanLieshout ***



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Anthony vanLieshout ***



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Lindsay Elder **



Town Home - \$169,500

Spacious in town 4 + bed home, large living room, 2 story, nice yard, many renovations recently completed.

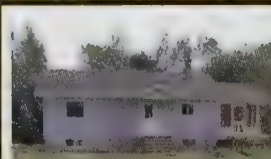
David Lee *



In Town - Quiet Setting - \$199,900

1,464 sq ft home w/ large master bedroom with an oversized ensuite, a pine lined dining room, walk out to Muskoka rm. Main floor laundry, one 4 pce and a 3 pce bathroom. Nicely landscaped lot - backyard totally fenced in. Paved double driveway leads to a 2 car detached garage and workshop.

David Lee *



5 Acres - \$189,000

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Ed Gibbons *



Horseshoe Lake - \$599,000

Engineered hardwood oak flooring, hot tub built into multi-level decking, 200-amp service, electrical heated water line, engineered insulated slab poured foundation floor, ceramic entrance, private balcony off the master bedroom, all e-gon windows and quality garden doors, new propane Porcelain and nickel stove in living room, one and half car garage

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Kushog Lake - \$370,000

One of the best sand beaches on the lake. Clean and tidy 3 bedroom cottage with open concept living area. Beautiful stone fireplace and sliding door to large deck. Easy year round access off municipal road

Tom Gardner *



Davis Lake - \$424,900

Large family cottage with many upgrades and luxury features. New custom kitchen, new windows and doors, all new decking, easy year round access on popular Davis Lake. Gradual sloping lot with sand shore.

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Kushog Lake - \$434,000

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Luba Cargill *



Town Home - \$299,000

Unique custom designed home and grounds with numerous features - main floor family room with fireplace, office/solarium, chef's kitchen, bedroom, bath and laundry. Second floor features hallway library/art gallery, three bedrooms, lots of built in cupboards, shelves and window seats. Call for your appointment to view

Luba Cargill *

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Prime Commercial Lot - \$129,000

...in Minden's downtown, with the scenic Gull River (leads to Gull Lake), just across the street. Reopen the Beaver Theatre or convert the building/lot to your own requirements. Own a piece of Minden's heritage.

Patti & Hal Johnson **



Gull Lake - \$349,900

Enjoy great swimming and big boating in this 3 bdr. cottage. Even has a fireplace for those cool winter evenings. Comes fully furnished...including a boat!

Patti & Hal Johnson **



One of a Kind Property - \$649,900

Have you ever wanted your own private retreat? Picture this...2000' of SW lake frontage bounded by rivers on both sides with 135 acres of mixed forest. All this & a sand beach! To get you started there is a huge garage with full loft above, covered picnic area & ample storage buildings

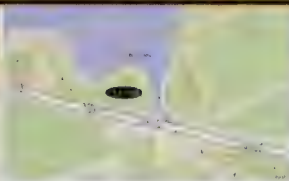
Patti & Hal Johnson **



Lakefront with Full Basement - \$459,000

This photo is just one of the wonderful features of this property. Walkout to a stone patio, screened in porch, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, beautiful treed gently sloping lot with southern exposure. Enjoy life here in the warmer months or all year round!

Patti & Hal Johnson **



16946 Hwy #35 - \$429,900

Prime direct waterfront estate/development lot with approx 1000 ft of frontage on prestigious Halls Lake. Easy access off Hwy #35 - 2 older cottages and derelict boathouse on the site. Expansive view - Clean shoreline - A Rare Opportunity!!

Anthony vanLieshout ***



Drag Lake - \$439,000

Totally renovated 1570 sq. ft. open concept 4 bdrm, 2 bath, home/cottage on level lot on Drag Lake. Private gated driveway, clean sand shore. Extensive lakeside decking, maple hardwood floors, pine trim and doors throughout

Chris James *



Canning Lake - \$259,900

Charming three bedroom cottage at the mouth of a sheltered bay on prestigious Canning Lake (Slake chain). Enjoy sunsets from the deck, swim at the sand beach, go water skiing or fish in one of the many bays & inlets, 3 season retreat.

Al Mayo *



Marigold Lake - \$119,500

PRIVACY PLUS on this quiet lake with 167 feet frontage. Basic cottage with 2 bedrooms, finished in drywall, new kitchen, new 3 piece bath. Priced to sell. Enjoy this great get-away

Al Mayo *



Mountain Lake - \$497,000

3 plus 1 bdrm cottage/home on level lot with sand beach. cathedral ceiling in living room, dining room and kitchen, lake views from living room with patio doors to spacious deck. walkout from basement to lower patio area, extras include brick fireplace, airtight woodstove, central vacuum, drilled well,.

Vince Jarvis*



Access to Head Lake - \$399,900

1728 sq ft home loaded in upgrades. Fully finished lower level, double attached garage, and boat slip on 5-lake chain. Features two fireplaces, custom kitchen, master bdrm 5 pce ensuite, main flr laundry, slate floor, central air & vac, all appliances, high speed internet plus bonus flat screen T.V.

Marcia Prenger *



12 Mile Lake - \$450,000

Year round winterized cottage on Twelve Mile Lake. Gentle sloping lot with fantastic view. Features large family room with airtight, heated water line, air conditioning, central vac, laundry room, mudroom & storage sheds.

Barry Warren *



Peach Lake - \$469,900

Gorgeous 3 BR+ den home/cottage on 2 acres w/ 300+ shoreline on Peach Lk. Cedar walls to a vaulted ceiling, breathtaking sunset view of lake enhances the L.R. Propane and wood fireplaces with main floor laundry Bunkie & metal storage shed.

Barry Warren *



Halls Lake - \$515,000

3+1 BR waterfront home/cottage. Open concept living. Huge master BR, main floor laundry, walk-out basement. Also has 2 BR bunkie for guests.

Vince Jarvis *



Lees Road - \$139,900

Beautiful private well treed 1.13-acre lot with easy access off dead-end municipal year round road. Neat and clean 1120 sq ft 3 bedroom home on a full basement, features a stunning solid oak eat-in kitchen, main floor laundry, new forced air oil furnace with central air conditioning, drilled well and full septic, decking, shed, plus loads more.

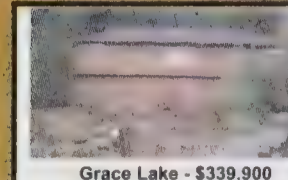
Chris James *



Wonderland Rd. - \$274,900

Custom built 'Timber Frame' home on 1.47 acre lot w/ expansive view overlooking the lake, & within 100 meters of Kashagawiganog (5 Lake Chain) lake access over open road allowance (access off driveway #1282). Energy efficient insulated concrete form construction with lower level radiant floor heating (including garage). Cathedral beamed interior, features: pine ceilings & floors, fireplace, Maple kitchen, main floor laundry, large master bedroom w/ ensuite and walk-in closet, plus loads more

Marcia Prenger *



Grace Lake - \$339,900

Golden sandy beach shoreline mixed with large rock deep swimming. Freshly renovated 3-bedroom cottage from floor to ceiling including new windows and kitchen. Tastefully decorated coming fully furnished ready for you to move in and enjoy Low maintenance property

Chris & Michelle Smolarz *



Loon Lake - \$359,900

Royal Home on a very private 30-acre lot with 401 ft frontage on Loon Lake access across road. Double attached insulated garage & large double detached garage. Manicured & landscaped setting with in ground sprinklers. Also mixed bush with trials. 200 amp service with a generator back up & H.R.V. filter system. 2 bedroom bunkie and Quonset hut.

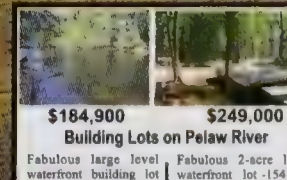
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Percy Lake - \$729,900

A rare find one of a kind large very private level lot 1.8 acre point lot and cottage with 810' frontage on prestigious Percy Lake. Multiple exposure with a combination of deep rocky shoreline and sandy frontage. 3 bdrm open concept 1200 sq. ft. cottage with a unique fireplace and cedar siding. Towering mature trees on this natural lot also consisting of a bunkie, dry boathouse and your own boat launch.

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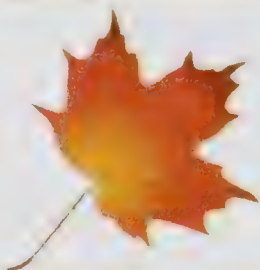
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Beech Lake - \$719,900

Luxury spacious home - features including hardwood floor, high cathedral pine ceilings w/ wooden beams, impressive stone fireplace. Well-manicured, level lot golden sand beach w/ southern exposure, and big lake view. Jimmy Connors tennis court

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The first one was so well-received, that it's set to become an annual community event.

Plans are well underway for the second annual Critters & Trestles, to be held Sunday, February 17 at Camp Wanakita. Catchy name, but what's it all about? It's a community supper honouring two defining elements of Haliburton's heritage in a very entertaining format. The

Critters portion is an interactive presentation by the Muskoka Wildlife Centre, one of the foremost wildlife refuge centres in Canada. Their outreach program will present five species that would find a Haliburton railway corridor an ideal habitat. Last February, everyone had the opportunity to get as close as they dared to a skunk, porcupine, Eastern Hog-nosed snake, Great Horned Owl and a Blandings Turtle. A similar range of Critters will be selected again. For only \$5 a head, anyone can attend just the Critters beginning at 4:30. This is an excellent opportunity for families with young children to see the work of this renowned animal organization, and tickets would make a nice stocking stuffer.

The supper, immediately following the Critters, is a buffet spread of good homestyle cooking with something for every taste, enjoyed in the convivial family camp atmosphere that Wanakita offers so well. 'Trestles' refers to the old style of railway bridge ingeniously engineered to keep the trains on the flat and level across rivers and gullies. And this brings us to the highlight of the evening – old fashioned storytelling by local folks about their experiences with the trains running regularly in Haliburton just a generation ago. For instance, a big night out for teens involved hopping the train into town for a show at the Molou, then walking home along the tracks, singing. Was that to scare the bears away? Or just for fun, because after all, this was a time before Walkmans and I-pods. There will be lots more train related yarns shared by your friends and neighbours, or maybe yourself. Altogether, Critters & Trestles will make for a fascinating afternoon-into-evening of folksy entertainment to dispel the February blues.

Friends of the Rail Trail is the organizing committee for Critter & Trestles, and welcomes input from individuals with ideas, energy or artifacts to make this one better than the last. This is not a fundraising event. As last year, it will be priced as affordably as possible to cover costs, to welcome everyone in the community. Exact price for the dinner is still in the works, at press time. Tickets

for Critters & Trestles including everything, or for the Critters alone, are available attractively packaged. These would make a thoughtful non-commercial gift for young or old. Get in touch soon with your ideas, questions or to order tickets. Please call Pamela Marsales, at (705)457-4767.

Photos: All eyes were on the critters, and ears on the storytelling of railway days at the first Critters & Trestles. The second annual community supper honouring the wildlife and history of Haliburton's railway corridors will have entertainment for young and old. Order your tickets now for gift giving.

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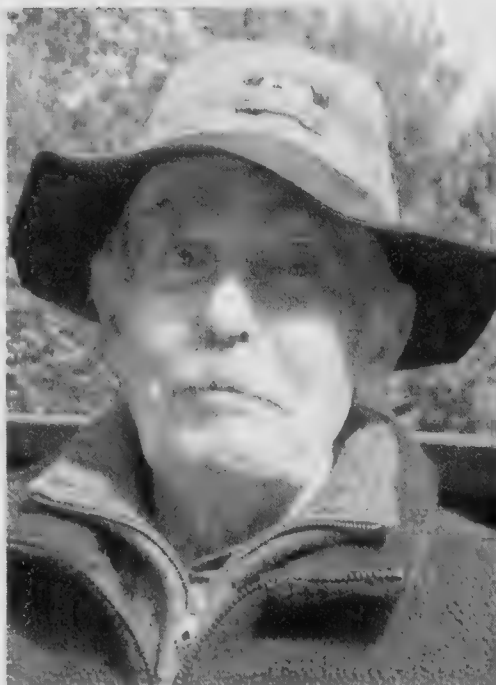
R.D. Lawrence - The Legend From Our Own Backyard

by Joanne Irvine

Some Stories Are Worth Repeating...

Every once in awhile a story needs to be told more than once. It is for that reason that I have decided to re-run a story I wrote a while ago about a pretty incredible man - a man whose name still appears in the news even after he has departed from us. Ron is honoured for how he lived his life. I have been a journalist for ah, probably too many years, but in all my career and all the stories I have ever written, I must say that the interview I had with this man and his wife Sharon has always stuck with me. His story, as it unfolded during the interview, captivated me and I didn't want to leave. I spent more time at this interview than I did at any other I can remember and spent an enjoyable day at the Lawrence's. I'm sure when you read the following which was done while Ron was still with us - you will see what I mean and you will also learn why this man continues to be honoured.

For those of you who don't know who R. D. Lawrence is... I introduce to you... the legend who lived right here in our own backyard....



"Why isn't there a movie about this guy?" That was my first reaction after meeting the one and only R. D. Lawrence – but then I thought, "how on earth could you fit this man's life into two or even three hours – it's impossible!!"

Still, what a movie it would make. And now I'm going to attempt to share his life – condensed into a short story format, so that you can better understand this great man who resided right here in Haliburton County. I'd like to introduce you to Ron D. Lawrence – war veteran, journalist, novelist, adventurer, naturalist, teacher, animal rescuer ... the list goes on....

First off, many know of Ron as R. D. Lawrence – author. Many of his books have been, and still are, standard reading in schools. He has been published all over the world. And if you're lucky, you've read one or more of his books. If you haven't, it's not too late – do yourself the favour.

In his lifetime, Ron has written 30 novels – he began in his early years writing 'who-dun it' novels written in Spanish, and soon was writing about his experiences in life – experiences that were well worth writing about.

Where do you begin with a man who has experienced so much? Well... let's start at the beginning.

Ron's adventurous ways began at birth – he was born at sea in Spanish territorial waters on a British passenger ship on September 12, 1921. The family was returning from Africa to Spain. He was christened on board the British naval cruiser, HMS Thunderer, by chaplain of the Royal Navy fleet in the Harbour of Vigo, Spain.

His family first ended up in Spain as the result of his grandfather, who, while he was well off, decided to sell everything, purchase a covered wagon and head from England to Spain to convert people to the protestant faith.

His family was well educated. Ron's mother spoke 7 different languages (she was of Spanish decent), and his father spoke 10 different languages

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Not Hard To See Why Ron Is Continually Honoured

(he was English). Sharon, Ron's wife, says that many times the parents would speak different languages so that their children (7 in total) would not know what they were saying. Well, as a result, Ron picked up on a few of these and soon became fluent himself. "By the time I met him he could speak 7 different languages," says Sharon.

As a young lad, he was immediately taken with exploration. "He had the forest and the sea to explore because of where he lived," explained Sharon. As a young lad he apparently had an interest in sharks, and could often be found by the sea trying to catch baby sharks by hand so that he could study them more closely. Failing, he returned with a net, capturing the little biters, and began his study on sharks.

Ron's father also financially backed a circus in Spain, and as a result, Ron got to spend a great deal of time around circus life. "He got to learn the trapeze, how to ride bareback, and so much more," says Sharon. He led an active boy's life.

By July 18, 1936, Ron's education was interrupted by the sudden outbreak of the Spanish civil war. "I was two months short of my 15th birthday," Ron told me.

While Ron was attending a school / camp, his family was hurried out of the country back to England. They assumed that the officials at the school / camp where Ron was studying would send him along. Instead, Ron headed home to find it empty. He went to a friend's house and was told of the news. He and his best friend both decided to enlist in the Spanish Republican army (infantry) because they were "greatly opposed to fascism."

Ron proved to be a huge asset to the army. He acted as an interpreter on several occasions, and even led troops to victory. Sharon tells of a great story It appears that troops were trapped and the enemy was closing in. Ron and his friend, as young lads, use to hang out in the sewage system underground, "it was a thing to do back then when you were young," explains Sharon. Their knowledge of the sewage underground was passed along to leaders of the trapped army. The boys led the troops underground where they rose and surprised the enemy from behind. Victory was met with tragedy- Ron lost his best friend in the process.



Ron took them up behind the enemy through the sewage system, but they were no sooner up then his friend was shot to death," says Sharon. "They came up fighting!"

Ron was cut off by fascist forces in 1938. He was taken prisoner, and later escaped to France. Their trek to France included mountainous range – all taken by foot. Once in France, he was later released where he took a train to England in search of his family.

While in England, he took advantage of a work-study program, and worked part-time as cub reporter on a regional weekly newspaper, while studying part time to make up lost grades. (Remember, he was but a young teenager when he fought in the Spanish Civil War – just shy of his 15th birthday.)

Well, once again war disrupted his studies – this time World War II. In November of 1939, Ron enlisted into the British army – tank regiment.

In 1941, Ron was sent to Egypt where he served in the desert with the 7th Royal Tank Regiment with the British Eighth Army. Here he was wounded in the leg in 1941, and in the stomach in 1942. It was while injured and recovering that he began studying sharks once again. He even had the chance to deep-sea dive in tanks to observe their actions close up.

Despite his wounds, Ron was always sent back to serve his country. "He fought the full war," says Sharon. "Every time he was wounded, they would just fix him up and send him out again."

He served in the desert for three years until German forces were defeated in that theatre of war. On June 6, 1944, Ron landed in Normandy, Sword Beach where he fought his more frightful battle.

Sharon says, "he was in the lead tank – the enemy fired and everyone in his tank was killed – except Ron." Apparently once hit, Ron jumped out of the tank, while on fire. He laid there wounded until he was then rescued by another on-coming tank, while the fierce battle raged on.

"It was a horrible experience," says Sharon. "Even when we got married, he would still wake up with nightmares – yelling at his men – yelling 'I'm on fire'. It's a painful memory. He never really wrote much

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The R.D. Lawrence Tribute

He and his wolf-dog Yukon lived in northern British Columbia wilderness for 14 month without seeing another human.

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about the war because to him it was not 'the good old days'. It is something, I think, he tried not to remember."

This attack proved to be the final days of war for Ron. He was in hospital until April of 1945 when he was invalided out of the army. "He was really injured bad. They wanted to take his leg," explains Sharon. "Ron said he would have no part of that so they left it. They said he wouldn't walk properly if at all. Ron was determined. He proved them wrong."

So to recap – He was born on a ship, loved exploration, learned many languages, hung out around the circus and learned some acrobatics himself – he fought in war as a young teenager – a brutal war at that – he'd seen death, was wounded, and escaped capture to hike over mountainous terrain. Ends up in England – begins journalism career, enters into WWII – more bloodshed, many years of fighting – fights in one of the most recorded bloodiest battles (Normandy beach) – is the only survivor of all his men, in the lead tank of all – sustains more injury – almost loses his leg and is let go due to his injuries – for him, the fighting is over.

After the war he continued his education. He attended university in 1946 (biology and mammalian major), and in 1949 graduated from London Polytechnical Institute (English lit). In 1949 he became a journalist. His job brought much foreign travel which was combined with biology field studies, especially in Africa.

In 1954, Ron made the move to Canada. "He fell in love," says Sharon. "When he stepped off the ship, he said he felt like he was home – and he never went back to England since – not even for a visit."

Once here, Ron worked for the Toronto Daily Star for a bit, then being the adventurer he is, he packed up and headed across the old Trans-Canada Highway in mid winter in temperatures 40 below zero in search of homestead land.

He found 200 acres in an area of Lake of the Woods Ontario where he spent three years studying nature, logging, and working as a labourer on highway repair.



In early 1958, he left his homestead with his wolf-dog Yukon. With man's best friend by his side, the two explored the Canadian wilderness of Saskatchewan, Manitoba, NWT, the Yukon Territory, British Columbia and parts of the United States, including Yellowstone Park. He and his wolf-dog Yukon lived in northern British Columbia wilderness for 14 months without seeing another human. To read about this fantastic voyage

with Yukon you must get your hands on a copy of Ron's novel "The North Runner".

In 1961, Ron returned to civilization where he worked for the Winnipeg Tribune, then the Winnipeg Free Press. It was here that he met his first wife Joan Frances Gray. The two were married and they moved to Ontario. Here Ron worked for the Toronto Telegram while maintaining wilderness acreage north of Toronto. To read about this part of his life you must get the book "The Place In The Forest". Another brilliant read.

In 1967, he bought North Star Farm – 350 acres of mostly wilderness. By now Ron worked as publisher for a newspaper owned by the Toronto Telegram. He commuted daily (160 miles round trip) from his property to his office.

Tragedy struck in 1969. His wife, Joan, passed away from a brain hemorrhage. In the spring of 1970, Ron sold everything and moved to British Columbia once again. This portion of his life spawned the novels "Voyage of the Stella & The Ghost Walker".

It was in 1973 that he returned to Ontario. This move led to the meeting of his current wife, Sharon Janet Frise. They met on a blind date set up by the cartoonist of the Don Mills Mirror, a paper that Ron was hired to rescue from failure.

Sharon, a schoolteacher at the time, was smitten, as was Ron. The two married two months later, and have been together ever since. For a portion of their married life, Ron and Sharon moved to the Yukon – Goose Watson Lake. That is where Ron started a little local newspaper called "The Sign Post". "I think it's still going," says Sharon.

After 11 moves, the couple moved to Ron's final home on 100 acres of wild land right here in the beautiful Haliburton Highlands with their timber wolves, Tundra, Taiga, Alba, Bridget, Leda and Numa.

Yes... I said living there with real, live timber wolves.

In my final chapter of this man's intriguing life, I want to tell you about the naturalist, Ron Lawrence, and his wife Sharon, who shared in his passion for wildlife.

For Ron, it really started on his North Star Farm. "He started rescuing animals. People brought them to him – everything from Lynx to wolves

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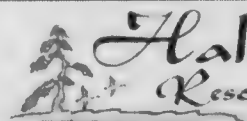
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"...People brought them to him – everything from Lynx to wolves and everything in between. He rescued them and brought them back to health."

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and everything in between. He rescued them and brought them back to health," explains Sharon.

In May of 1984 when they moved to northern Ontario, two wolf pups joined them. Back then there were still bounties on wolves and many, at first, did not view the couple as popular. "We decided to keep the two wolf pups and educate people about wolves," says Sharon. "We were met with mixed reactions," she admits, "but it wasn't long before people came over to our side. At

first, when meeting the wolves, they were hesitant, but Ron would teach them about wolves and how to approach them safely."

How do you approach a wolf safely was my next question. Well, according to Ron the secret is to put yourself in neutral. "He always taught me to never show fear or over joy. Be calm, don't walk too fast or they take that as aggression, and not too slow either or they consider that stalking. Just approach at a nice leisurely pace."

Ron and Sharon continued over the years to help rehabilitate a variety of wildlife. "During the last 20 years, more than 900 such casualties of civilization have been rehabilitated or eased into painless death when too badly injured or ill. Survival rate over the years has been 88 per cent," Ron explains in his bio.

"We never had any problem with them," says Sharon.

"They are loving," Ron told me that day I first met him. "They've always been good to me."

These rescue's were done at the expense and efforts of Ron and Sharon. "Over the years, it was costing thousands of dollars. Once Ron got sick, he wasn't writing as much, so we couldn't afford to help the animals as much. We had to slow down," explains Sharon.

I was overjoyed, after hearing Ron's story, to join in his company as he came from resting upstairs. I was finally getting to meet the man whose story so far captivated me.

Ron was a pleasant man – a kind man with a great smile and a great sense of humour. Ron was a fighter and a survivor, an intelligent man with a big soft heart for wild animals.

He survived wars as those around him perished, he co-existed with creatures of the wild like he was one of them, he had survived heart break, and had learned lessons in life by experiencing first hand just about all it can dish out.

Ron's last battle was his fight against Alzheimer's – memories of his great past faded as the disease took over.

But that didn't stop Ron from sitting on his deck, enjoying the sunshine, and reminiscing about the things he could remember – talking about his days as a journalist and his love for the animal kingdom and the nature that surrounded him. "I wouldn't have it any other way," he said to me about his home nestled in his "own private heaven" in the beautiful Haliburton Highlands.

You can see why animals would like Ron – he showed only regard and respect for the wild – and had taken time out of his life to really see what

it has to offer. He didn't fear it, but rather embraced it. I truly believe the animals sensed this about Ron.

After spending just a brief time with Ron, I came to the realization that we had a real treasure right here in Haliburton County. One journalist was quoted as saying that Ron is one of Canada's best-kept secrets. I have to agree!! I just can't wait for the movie!!

To read any of his fabulous novels, many can be found at local library branches through the county. Or you can purchase his novels at our local bookstores. Once you start – you won't be able to put them down!!

The R.D. Lawrence Place in Minden is scheduled to open in April on the 22nd - which is also Earth Day. The building is a tribute to this wonderful man and will be filled with the literary estate and artifacts donated by his wife.

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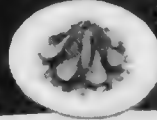
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It's Happening in Kinmount!

by Lynne Kilby

The 1st Kinmount Unit of Sparks, Brownies, Guides and Pathfinders held their Enrolment and Badge Ceremony on Nov. 12 and wish to express their thanks to Kinmount Artisan's Market for loaning them some props to help make the evening special. Thanks also to very talented Tom & Pheebee Day who made a fabulous cake for the occasion.

Kinmount & District Lions Club is now selling their delicious Christmas cakes. Here's your chance to enjoy something yummy and support this wonderful organization at the same time. Make sure to pick one up around town.

Flu Clinics at Kinmount and District Health Centre are now available Mondays to Wednesdays between 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 4:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and on Thursdays between 11:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. You do not have to be a patient at the clinic to receive your flu shot. There is no need for an appointment if you come at the specified time. Remember to bring your health card. Call 488-1105 for more info.

At this special time of year, a time of giving, you can help your community by responding to the Kinmount District Health Services Foundation's Christmas Appeal. Thanks to the generosity of its supporters, the Foundation has experienced a successful year. Funds previously raised have been used for a new computer software system, a major improvement which has enhanced the doctor/patient relationship.

As well, an automated generator power back up system was obtained which allows the Medical Centre to remain fully functional during power outages and keeps refrigerated medications safe. Changes to the building are anticipated in the near future. The Foundation is responsible for capital expenditures at the Medical Centre with NO government assistance. To support the Christmas Appeal to improve health services mail your donation to P.O. Box 225, Kinmount, On, K0M 2A0 or drop off at the Health Centre, 32 County Rd. 503, Kinmount. Donation receipts will be issued for cheques over \$20.00.

Remember to call me at (705) 488-2919 or E-mail me at lynne.kilby@sympatico.ca to share news or advertise an event or activity. Special events coming up include:

Nov. 24 – Drop by Kinmount Farmer's Market **Christmas Open House** and check out some exciting Christmas goodies & gifts plus all your favourite vendors and treats, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at Kinmount Community Centre. Free gift basket draw. Call 488-2612 for more info.

Nov. 30 - **Christmas Music Night**, 7:30 p.m. at Galway Hall, Galway Road. Sponsored by K.C.P.E.D. Call 488-2635 for more info.

Dec. 1 - Kids can write **Letters to Santa** at Kinmount Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Members of the library's Tweens & Teens Club will be assisting.

Dec. 6 - **Lights Across Canada** Join in on this annual community celebration at 7:00 p.m. at the Railroad Station

Dec. 8 - The Ladies Auxiliary to the Royal Canadian Legion presents a **Christmas Bazaar & Craft Sale** that includes a Bake Table, Hand

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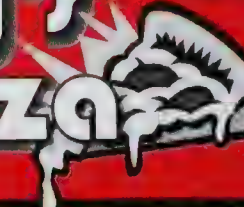
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Dec. 13 - Kinmount Seniors Group sponsors a bi-monthly trip to **Casino Rama** on the 2nd Thursday of the month. The bus leaves the legion parking lot at 9:00 a.m. Enjoy a free lunch while you're there. Return time is 4:00 p.m. Bus cost is \$5.00. All welcome. To reserve your spot call Theresa at 488-1119.

Dec. 13 - **Christmas Story Time & Craft** for kids, at Kinmount Public Library, 10:30 a.m.

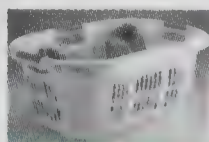
Dec. 16 - **Santa Claus Parade** 2:00 p.m. Sponsored by the Kinmount Committee for Planning & Economic Development and the Royal Canadian Legion, Branch 441. Call 488-2635 for more info.

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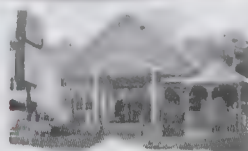
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PACS enables images such as x-rays and scans to be stored electronically and viewed on screens, creating a near filmless process and improved diagnosis methods. Doctors and other health professionals can access and compare images at the touch of a button.

Picture Archiving System Newest Fundraising Goal

Public Welcome to Open Houses in Early December

By Terrance Gavan

Visitors to a series of Open Houses unveiling the new Picture Archiving Communication Systems (PACS) will be offered a unique opportunity to meet Minden resident Peter Oyler up close and personal.

Oh, and not just because Peter Oyler is the Chairman of the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation (HHHSF.)

the fundraising body responsible for footing the bill for the ambitious \$1.1 million Health Services initiative into X-Ray archiving.

You see, Peter Oyler suffered some recent rib damage necessitating a visit to emergency services and a subsequent trip to X-Ray. Those x-rays have been digitalized, stored and spruced up for this special occasion.

It seemed like a great opportunity to display to the public exactly what can be done with this new technology.

And so, Peter Oyler, "The Retrospective," in digitally enhanced monochrome will be available for viewing at the Open Houses slated for December 5 at Minden Hospital (upper Level) and on December 6 at the Haliburton Hospital (Main Floor). Doors will be open between 6 and 8 p.m. on both nights and refreshments will be available.

Dale Walker, Executive Director of the HHHSF would like everyone to know that the "Oyler Retrospective" is being done with his full knowledge and gracious consent and that the Chairman will probably be there (barring any other unforeseen calamities) to explain in great detail the circumstances surrounding the unfortunate series of events leading to his place of prominence in the PACS exhibit.

Any ribbing that the Chairman may take will dovetail nicely into the evening's theme.

Kibitzing aside, Walker is understandably elated with the arrival of the new system and she says that she shares her ebullience over its arrival with all of the doctors and technicians who work in the Highlands health care system.

In a letter thanking the people of the Highlands for their continued support of alternative funding for Hospital and Health Care initiatives, Dr Robert Heyes and Dr. David Fiddler express their profound and effusive thanks to all donors who have made the initiative possible.

"We are very excited

about the new technology we have acquired and are pleased to advise you that they are already in use at (the Minden and Haliburton) facilities," say Heyes and Fiddler, in an open letter.

The PACS make use of computers and electronic networks to view, store and transmit diagnostic images digitally. The system will literally transform the current X-Ray library from bulky monolith into a compact unit capable of storing the contents of hundreds of shelves of localized chaos into a succinct software cabinet.

"It's a great system," says Oyler. "It takes a 13 step process and reduces it to 4 steps."

And says Oyler, it's also a system that will give The Highlands the capability to "form links with other hospitals and will eventually allow us to communicate world-wide."

Walker is quick to point out that it will also move the region to the cutting edge of the most recent technology in image sharing.

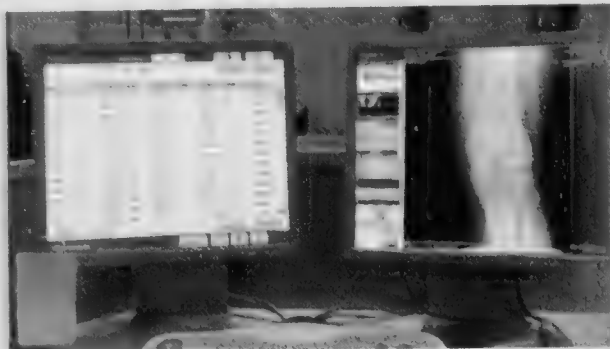
"Technology plays a huge role in health care today," says Walker. "It's equipment that we need to keep us current."

And what does that mean for the ordinary patient?

Enter Peter Oyler and his digital retrospective.

In the past, a patient with rib injuries would get his or her X-ray and then, dependant upon the subtlety or severity of the trauma would typically have to wait for those images to be sent from Haliburton to a central location where specialists could interpret the significance of the damage.

Either that, or the patient might be sent with a set of the X-Rays for a visit with a specialist in Peterborough or Lindsay.



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Six months ago, many of those bulky x-ray images would be sent via courier to the diagnostic center. This proves to be a very time-consuming process, especially if one is dealing with a painful injury. Days can pass before images are transported and results are verified.

To the patient in pain, it sometimes seems like they're waiting on the Pony Express.

Dr. Heyes and Dr. Fiddler both agree that this new PACS technology is already serving to streamline the diagnostic process.

"(PACS) means that you no longer have to wait for your x-rays to be processed and developed, come back and pick them up and then take the x-rays to your specialist."

They add that the images are also much clearer and that the process is more efficient, allowing your doctor or specialist access to instant results.

Walker says that one of the mandates of the HHHSF is to create a milieu in this region where the patient comes first and where residents in the Haliburton Highlands are able to receive the most up-to-date health care without having to travel for secondary treatment.

"We undertake these programs and updates to keep patients closer to home when possible," says Walker.

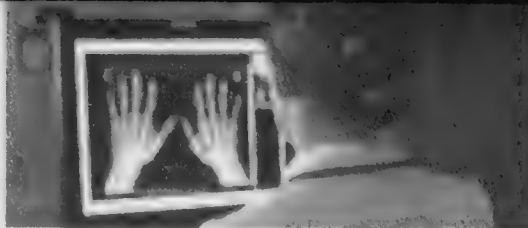
According to Oyler, the role of the foundation is to provide area residents with "the best health care and the best technology available."

Of course, huge initiatives like this PACS program and some of the other upgrades currently being funded by the HHHSF require a huge outlay in funding.

And certain portions of that funding must be raised in the private sector.

Enter the Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation, which over the past ten years has developed initiatives and entrenched funding to the tune of over \$6 million.

The HHHSF was created 10 years ago to forge a \$6-million campaign to pay for necessary improvements to the health care facilities in both Minden and Haliburton.



A decade ago, people saw the figure and some glanced slack-jawed at the enormity of the task at hand.

Well, last March the HHHSF reached that goal, and on June 16'th they opened a new initiative called "Reach For The Future." Reach For The Future's goal is an ambitious \$2.5 million over the next

three years.

Walker says that current board members Don Popple and Lisa Tompkins will be acting as co-chairs of the latest fundraising initiative.

Tompkins is a Minden-area cottager and Director of Marketing and Communications for CN Tower.

Popple is a founding member of the HHHSF Board and President of Curry Motors Ltd.

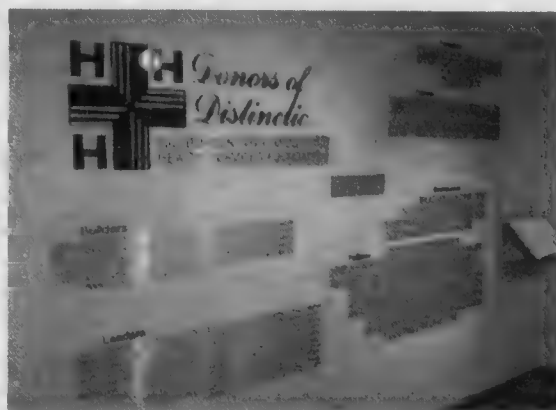
Oyler says that the two co-chairs hammer home the changing face of the foundation board. "Over the past few years we have seen a change in our membership and in our donor base."

Increasingly, cottagers and seasonal residents have been contributing to the foundation says Oyler.

"We're seeing new donors come on board and we're seeing key positions on the board being filled by seasonal residents," says Oyler.

Indeed, Vice-Chair Ray Selbie is a long time resident of the Highlands (and founding board member) and he shares Vice Chair duties with cottager Melvin Zwagg.

Oyler says that we are also seeing increased seasonal participation at entrenched events like the Golf Classic.



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"There are new people coming on board and that's very nice because it suggests a solid base," says Oyler.

Walker says that while \$1.1 million of the total \$2.5 million target is pointed at the PACS project, the other \$1.4 million is aimed at some very necessary upgrades to the Minden and Haliburton Health Care facilities.

In Minden, \$550,000 is dedicated to PACS, \$60,000 is going to upgrade Bath Tubs in Long Term Care, \$295,000 is dedicated to Beds in Long term care and an additional \$590,000 is aimed at necessary Ceiling Lift technology for Long Term Care.

In Haliburton, a matching \$550,000 will be moved to PACS upgrades in acute care. Another \$280,000 will be moved to Ceiling Lift technology in Long Term Care and \$155,000 for Ceiling Lifts in Acute Care, with another \$20,000 for bathtubs in Long Term Care.

Walker says that without the help and support of service clubs and the dedication of residents and cottagers, the necessary initiatives would just not be possible.

"The Picture Archiving technology is already here," says Walker. "It's now our job to go out and raise the funds."

She credits founding board members like Popple and Vice-Chair and original board member Ray Selbie with providing the impetus for funding and for providing a continuity of vision for the district.

And she says that she is particularly blessed to be able to come in to work each day and work with such a dedicated group of volunteers and organizations that have worked very hard to push forward the case for improved health care and standards in the Haliburton Highlands.

"You have to thank the doctors and the technicians and nurses and all of the dedicated staff we have here," says Walker.

And she says that dedicated service clubs like the Rotary, who recently dedicated \$75,000 in funding over the next five years to the PACS project and Reach For The Future.

"The Rotary have been very supportive, and all of the service clubs like the Lions and more recently the radio drive sponsored by Moose

FM, and especially all of the residents and cottagers who have given so generously... we owe them all a great deal of thanks," says Walker.

Walker says that ongoing initiatives like the popular Rotary Charity Golf Classic in July, Art in the Garden in August and The Classy Cocktail Caper held in October have all spurred funding.

And of course the sale of Teddy Bears at local retail outlets have also helped to raise over \$55,000 in funds for the HHHSF. She would like to remind everyone that donations made to the HHHSF are all tax deductible.

And while Walker says that large donations from service clubs and private donors are gratifying, she remains steadfast in her belief that everyone who contributes becomes a part of this special family.

"Everyone can give and we're grateful for every toonie and donation that we receive," says Walker.

Tommy Douglas left a legacy to Canada and Canadians.

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carrying on home nursing programs that are much more effective, making annual checkups and immunization available to everyone."

And of course, what Tommy was really saying was that in the realm of health care, there should be no division between haves and have-nots.

Peter Oyler says that it's part and parcel of the shifting health care landscape.

"Governments clearly can't do it all and I don't know that they should be doing it all," says Oyler. "That's where foundations are stepping in."

We are all responsible.

And sometimes, it just makes good sense to give a little back.

Call it good karma.

The HHHSF can be visited on the web via www.hhhs.on.ca/foundation.htm or by phone at 457-1580 or 286-1580.

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Scary Tales

The following is a fun little column for those who like ghost stories... Whether these are true or not we don't know, but they are stories told by those who believe they saw real ghosts!! If anything, they do make for interesting little stories... enjoy...

Arundel Castle

This magnificent castle in the heart of West Sussex has been the home for the Dukes of Norfolk since the Norman Conquest. It was severely damaged by fire in the seventeenth century but has now been restored to its former glory. Not only is it home to many priceless works of art but it also houses several ghosts.

At least four ghosts are reputed to be found here, one of them being a young boy.

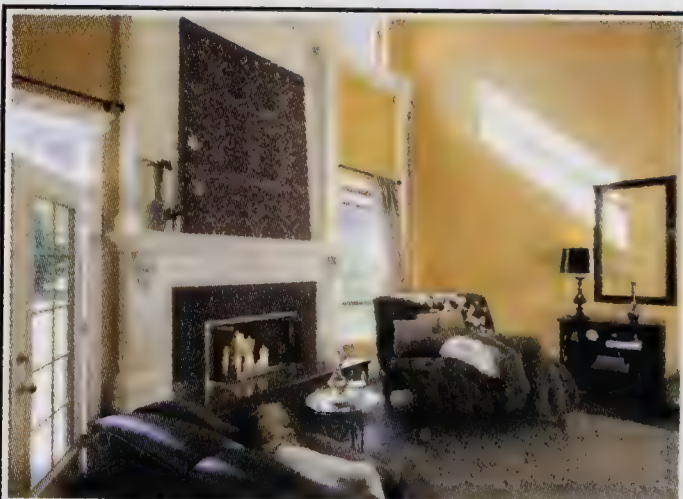
He was thought to have worked in the kitchens about 200 years ago, where his master is said to have frequently beat him. Consequently the boy died young and his ghost has been seen ever since, cleaning pots and pans and scurrying round the kitchen.

The ghost of a young woman dressed in white has been seen wandering round Hiorne's Tower, particularly on moonlit nights. According to legend, she threw herself off the tower because of a tragic love affair.



A ghost has also been encountered in the library and has become known as the 'Blue Man'. He has been seen on several occasions searching through books and is thought to date back to the time of King Charles II. The fourth ghost is that of a small white bird which reputedly flutters around the windows of the castle.

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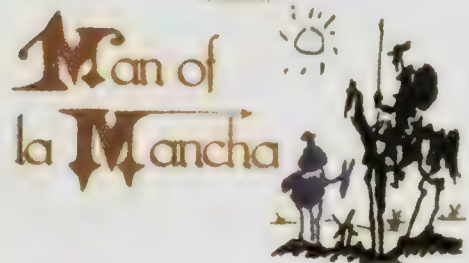
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Harcourt Woodcarver a Versatile Craftsman, and Budding Artist

By George Farrell

Into the bowels of Harcourt Park we drove. Hunters to the left of us, hunters to the right, on and on we went, until finally we reached our destination. I was with my son Brendan, 21, who was home for a short visit. Our destination was Big Straggle Lake. Realizing that Brendan had never been to that part of our magnificent county, I invited him along for the ride. If he thought that he was in for a boring experience with his old man, he was very much surprised; not only by the beautiful drive there, but by the rewarding and entertaining visit to Harcourt Park resident, Russ Parker.

Russ has been a part time Highlands resident for the past thirteen years, and for the last four and a half years he's lived on the shore of Big Straggle with wife Patti-Ann McCullagh. Both are now retired. Russ was a former District Chief of Fire Suppression for the Toronto Fire Services.

After introductions were made upon our meeting,



Brendan, in an aside, said to me "he looks exactly like what he is."

"What do you mean by that?" I asked him. "What exactly is a fireman supposed to look like?"

"Just like that," was the response. I must admit that Russ did exude a kind of calm authority, which was quickly eclipsed by his warmth and friendliness. He first led us up to his workshop, which was located above the garage. He showed us some of his wonderfully built guitars, and a couple of his carvings, inspired by the indigenous tribes of the west coast. He also put on an elaborate buckskin coat that he had made himself. I must say it looked great on him, and secretly I thought that it would look great on me too.

From the workshop studio we proceeded to the house, where Brendan and I were bowled over by the profusion of mission-style oak furniture, hand-crafted by Russ. There was a personally-designed dining room suite, stunning in its apparent simplicity of line, and form. There was a living room sofa, matching lounge-chair and coffee table, all mission, and immaculately crafted. They looked like museum pieces, the oak so rich and warm. On the wall behind the couch was mounted an array of bows, with accompanying arrows and leather quivers, all made by Russ. The display worked very well in an artistic sense inasmuch as individually, and seen as a group, they were, to my eye, works of art.

I could see the admiration on Brendan's face as he engaged easily in conversation with Russ, who replied to his queries with enthusiasm. We all sat down on the mission chairs at the dining room table, and I must admit feeling rather regal. These were chairs I could easily get used to. We had started the interview previously in the workshop, where we talked with Russ about his introduction to working with wood, and the making of his first guitar.

Guitars

"I've always been good with my hands," he began. "In 1981, on my days off, I worked for guitar builder David Wren, who is well known in the business, and is the owner of *The Twelfth Fret* guitar store in Toronto. "I like building things I can use, and I had ordered a guitar from him, and got to know him. I have the ability to vision things in my head, and figure out how to get there. I'm

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not afraid to make a mistake-its how you learn. I took a course with Wren over 2 years. I got my 6 string (acoustic) guitar out of it, and made and sold another during that time, but I didn't do it for money."

Russ took a long hiatus from guitar making, until he completed a 12- string guitar in 2005. "It's not like riding a bicycle," he laughed. "You do tend to forget. I made some mistakes-it's still a good guitar, though not as good as (the ones he was making) a dozen years ago" The six-string he showed us in his studio, was based on a design by David Wren and Russ built it while working with David. It's Russ' pride and joy. It's a truly beautiful instrument, with a resonant, rich tone.

Russ showed us an unusual guitar, which is "a copy of a National Steel guitar called a Reso Rocket. These guitars are better known as bottleneck, or slide guitars, and are played in open-tuning, and with a glass bottle neck, or metal equivalent, which slides up and down the neck to provide a distinctive 'slithery'sound. It's a guitar used by many blues musicians. "It's made of thicker metal than usual," said Russ. "It weighs a ton." It was very ornate, and would look good just standing in the corner, or hanging up on the wall, though I longed to play it. Even though I can't play guitar, the sounds that such a guitar makes in the hands of a master



have always been the sounds I wanted to be able to create myself. Russ gave us a short example of his technique on the steel guitar (his is made from brass), and quite honestly I would have been content to sit there and listen for hours; but we had other ground to cover.

Bows

At the dining room suite we pick up Russ' woodworking history. "I started shooting with bows as a kid on Buckskin Lake," Russ says. "I saw an ad' for videos on how to make bows and I started making them in 1986. I progressed from wooden hunting bows to bamboo bows and laminated wood

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and fiberglass bows." Not being familiar with bamboo bows, I queried him on them. "The bamboos are almost as complicated a bow as you can make, except for the Asian Composite Horn bows, and one of those is on my to-do list." Russ was tantalizing me with sound bites of information, so foregoing the info' on what makes bamboo bows so complicated, I bit on the Asian version. "These are the bows of Ghengis Khan. They were used by tribes as far as the Middle East and were effective up until the time of gunpowder. They're still being made today, and they're amazing," enthused Russ. "When they're unstrung the ends almost touch each other, above the grip," he says, almost forming a circle with his arms. "When they're strung, they stretch into a powerful re-curve. They're made of a wooden core, with horn on the belly, and sinew on the back. The engineering was designed a couple of thousand years ago," he says incredulously. "They're very powerful, and can shoot long distances."

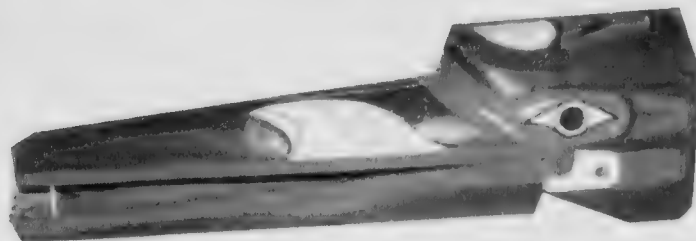
Russ has made about 80 bows in total, and he's sold a few. He's displayed and exhibited his bows at shows in Bancroft and Wilberforce. He makes mainly wood and fiberglass re-curves, and long bows. Although he doesn't make bows specifically to make money, he says that "if anyone's interested in one of my bows they can give me a call."

Furniture

"During the last 3 years I've been big into furniture," says Russ. "I'm self-taught via books, and trial and error." If you're making furniture of the precision on display in Russ' house, you can't do it without the requisite tools. I make mention of the up-to-date woodworking equipment in his studio. "The more variety and quality of equipment the easier it is, and generally the results are better," he says. "Without decent equipment you don't get these curves," he states, gently smoothing his hand over the top of one of the high-backed mission chairs we're seated upon. "It's just easier to make good jobs with good tools."

Russ started his foray into furniture-making with a pine bookshelf and armoire, which he shows us. It is furniture of modern design. "I'm more into mission-style," he informs us, and most of the plans came from Lee Valley. Having once been to the main show-room of Lee Valley tools, and interviewed the owner, I knew of the excellence of the products. It just goes to show that if you start with excellent plans, and follow through, the chances are that your finished product will be excellent too.

"I like working with quarter-sawn white oak," Russ continues. "All the mission stuff is made from it." He also likes to work with other woods, like cherry and pine, and he's in the process of designing a sleigh bed made from cherry wood. He also works with birch. "A neighbour had an old, yellow birch, about 3 feet in diameter, and he had it cut down. We're doing a trade. I got the wood, and I'm making him a vanity cupboard. I got about 600 board feet from that tree and there's about 400 feet that is the colour of honey. You don't very often get a chance at a tree like that. I'm going to make new kitchen cupboards, a guitar case, and some guitar bodies. That's it for now. I'll have lots left over for furniture, or whatever."



Sculpture

One nice thing about retirement is that you have some time to do some of the things you didn't have the time to do before. Russ Parker started his sojourn into wooden sculpture; specifically carving masks and totems, when he attended a course at the School of the Arts in 2006. He's taking the same course this year. "I highly recommend this course," says Russ. "Wayne Hill is an excellent teacher."

Russ has made totems, sun masks, a killer whale shaman mask, a big hawk sun mask and a long-billed hawk mask, among other items. He's presently working on the top half of a totem pole. "I love learning new skills," Russ states. "The carving is new and different for me. I've always made things that you can use, and the masks are an artistic expression. It's been quite a transition. I'm finding it very gratifying."

The type of wood Russ uses on his carvings is basswood, found locally. "The bass wood up here is the ideal carving wood. Further south it becomes more stringy."

Russ feels that the type of furniture he makes is not really affordable for most people, but "in the not- too-distant future I would like to exhibit and sell more of my bows and carvings,

which you don't have to be rich to afford."

The Boats

As our interview wraps up, and almost as an afterthought, Russ asks if we'd like to go down to the lake to see some boats that he made. "Sure," Brendan and I said in unison, looking at each other, incredulous that there was even more to see. After a very short walk down from the house to the shore, we came to a rack which contained two sleek boats, face down. One was a kayak, and the other was like one of those skulling boats with sliding seats, only it was wider and shorter. Both were beautifully proportioned. Russ then turned over each boat to reveal the warm, wooden interiors, and the paddles, which he sells. Oh great, so now I was not only covetous of the steel guitar, the buckskin jacket, the long-billed hawk mask and the furniture, but I also wanted the boats-both of them.

Russ had some parting advice to would-be wood workers. "Find a course, find a book, and don't be afraid to fail."

The trip home from Harcourt Park to the nether regions of our Gelert home seemed a lot quicker than the trip there. We forewent the invasive radio for good old conversation between father and son, about a mutually shared and enjoyed experience.

If you would like to get in touch with Russ Parker about his bows, wooden sculptures and paddles, give him a call at (705) 448-1216.

Pictured: Russ Parker in buckskin jacket with six-string guitar; Mission-style furniture; Long billed hawk mask;
Russ with boats and paddle



New Business

Introducing ...

The Goofy Moose and the Charity Bookstore

by George Farrell

That man Walter is at it again. Walter vanderWindt, that is. Those of you familiar with this publication know Walter from previous stories on the Carving Gallery, which is located down on Highway 35 at Moore Falls. You might also know that Walter, as well as being an excellent chain-saw carver, is an even better fundraiser. He has been working for years now on behalf of disadvantaged youth and children in third-world countries.

Walters latest fundraising drive, as mentioned in an article I did on him in August of this year, is about supplying books for school children in the Phillipines. Here's some of what Walter said in that article.

Educate a child, and you can change a family. Change a family, you can change a community, change a community, you can change a nation. Our goal is to set up libraries, and sponsor children in poor nations. Focusing on Philippines, Vietnam and Mexico. We have started with the Philippines, and in the beginning of 2007, we are already starting the year off well with sponsoring 13 students. Two of which have the first 'Carving Gallery Scholarships' for continuing education.

The other way we seriously hope to affect change, is to fill their libraries up with books of knowledge, and books that spark the imagination. After hearing the request for technical lesson books by the Principal of Logan High school in Cagayan province, I saw their empty library filled with old boring math books. Instead I offered, "how about some novels, motivational books, and some great biographies, such as the one about Nelson Mandela?"

The Principal replied, "Nelson Mandela....isn't he a current leader?" I explained "former President of South Africa." After a short pause, she blurted, "Didn't he rule like Hitler?" That's when I knew I wanted to bring the world into the libraries of the Philippines.



We have committed to four schools, two elementary, and two high schools. We also help them out financially with supplies, and we sponsor children in each school, paying for their tuition, and their school-project fees.

Story in Communicator Helps to Send Books to The Philippines

We know that people actually read the Communicator, and one of those readers happened to be

a Highlands cottager named Gord Simpson. Gord is the president of a Richmond Hill company called Partylite, and after reading the article he offered Walter free shipping for the books to the Philippines. This was a great boon because Walter and his wife Alma had already sent 50 boxes. "It took us two whole days to sort, and pack them." Exhausted, they stopped at 50. Richard Lamb, the shipping agent for

Partylite then collected another 30 boxes of books through his rotary club, and Partylite collected another 6 boxes. In total more than 3000 books will be shipped to the Philippines.

"Alma will go to the Philippines from January 16th till February 20th, 2008 to make sure the books get to their final destination," says Walter. Alma is from the Philippines. The couple met in Vietnam when they both were helping a young girl named Tao, and her family. Alma and Walter fell in love, and one of the results is a beautiful baby boy they've named Jaden. Jaden, just 10 months old, will accompany Alma back to the Philippines. "While there she will also look for more schools to support and she will sort through the additional 36 boxes of unsorted books, and give the appropriate books to schools around Manila, which is the capital of the Philippines," Walter explains. "She is also responsible in finding out the response to the books, and to find out whether we provided the

right kinds of books. She will also find out what else they might need."

Alma is going to be one busy lady, but in case you think that Walter is going to be twiddling his thumbs back here in the Highlands, guess again. He's going to be opening not one, but two new stores. Walter gives the reasoning behind the daring decision. "About 15% of the books collected in the book drive were books that we figured weren't so suitable to send to the Philippines. Most of those were paperback novels by authors like Ludlum, and Grisham, as well as some romance novels." They



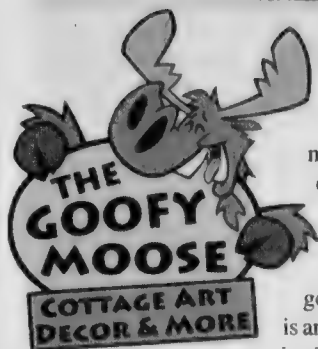
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might be great 'cottage reads', but not the educational, and children's books that are required.

The Charity Bookstore

So the question was, what were they going to do with the rest of the books? Walter is an idea man. "So when a space came available in down town Minden, we thought we could open up a charity book store." All monies realized from the sales of those books "will go to setting up schools, and putting children through school in the Philippines," he says.

The Charity Bookstore will continue to collect books for the Philippines, and Gord Simpson from PartyLite has offered more support to send the books to their final destination. So, all you avid readers out there, now you know a great place to deliver all those used books that have been collecting dust on your shelves.

And speaking of shelves, Walter could use some help with them, because he needs lots of shelf-space on which to exhibit the books he will have for sale. He's invested a lot of his own money into the store, so he'd really appreciate some additional help. Do you have any free-standing shelves knocking around that you'd like to find a new home for? If so, give Walter a call.

The Goofy Moose

The downtown Minden location that Walter found was too big for the Charity Bookstore alone, so he decided to make two stores. The first store to open is the Goofy Moose, and the idea is for that store to make enough to cover the rent for the bookstore. Those recent visitors to Minden will already be familiar with the new outdoor sign on the facade of the store, which is located right next to The Village Chalet Restaurant. They will also have seen the huge wooden moose outside the front door, which if nothing else, sure livens up the street. "The Charity Bookstore's sign is still in the stages of design," says Walter. "It will be a little girl reading, with her little brother looking over her shoulder."

What's Inside

"The Goofy Moose is an 'idea store' that's slowly developing," he states. "We tend to start up small, and slowly grow, and fine-tune ourselves. But one of the goals of the store is to become something truly unique, and a great tourist attraction" For those who have visited the carving gallery, and think that there is a duplicate of that coming to Minden, guess again. "Carvings will be a big part of the store, but there are 11 other diverse artists lined up who specialize in glass, traditional art on canvas, photography, and metal," Walter enthuses.

The Goofy Moose will focus on cottagers, and people living up north. There'll be furniture and accessory items such as cabinets and lamps, as well as rugs and pillows. "We also have to focus on moose," Walter laughs. "You'll find moose platters, shirts, pj's, art, sculptures, and much more. There are steak rubs for the guys, and there will be a pampering section for the ladies, with Native Senses bath soaps, and other items to spoil themselves with. Our mandate to the staff is to put smiles on people's faces, and I promise there won't be another store quite like it anywhere else."

As of this writing the Goofy Moose had not opened its doors. Walter is adamant though, that by the time this issue is in your hands the store will be up and running. He mentions November the 17th, as the opening date, with the Charity Bookstore to follow in the next month or so. "I've never run a retail outlet like this before. The aim is to have everything running smoothly by May," Walter concludes.

Walter would like to thank all those people who have contributed to the book drive so far, and he'd also like to remind everyone, for the time being, to bring their used books to the Goofy Moose. The two stores are located at 105 Bobcaygeon Road in beautiful downtown Minden. You can get in touch with Walter vanderWindt at (705) 286-3500.

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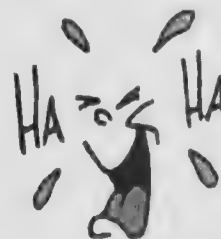
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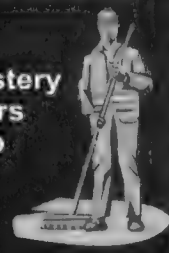
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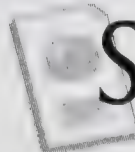
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Dancing Along the White Trail with Marci Mandel

Three years ago my step-son and his life-long buddies started a tradition at our place the first weekend of November: boys' weekend. I started a tradition that weekend too: go somewhere else. This year I drove to the city and had a chance to catch up with some friends, see a play, and most importantly enrich my family bonds.

On Sunday morning, I met my mother, aunt, and five cousins at my sister's house and after a time of catching up, we got to the business at hand: linking these three generations to those that came before us through the process of making cinnamon buns.

When my grandmother taught me how to make the buns twenty years ago, I was the sixth generation in the family to learn – well technically, the fifth because my mother and her cousins were never taught. Today I was going to connect the links and extend the chain by teaching not only my mother and aunt, but also by teaching my aunt's two grand-daughters – the seventh generation.

The word religion is from the Latin, *re ligio*, meaning linking back: linking back through our ancestors, to the animals, to the earth, to the solar system, to the universe, and all the way back to the big bang and the Creator of life itself. And so in repeating this recipe in the manner it had always been prepared, we were about to perform an act of linking: a religious act.

Feeling this reverence, I circled the women and girls around the table and led a ceremony using candles, ritual and prayer. We then began by each putting a cup of flour into the pot, thus linking us all with our creation and with all creation involved in making this flour, and these baked goods, possible: the sun, the rain, the earth, the wheat, the farmers, the grain millers, the truck drivers, the grocers and everyone and everything else involved in helping this happen.

Salt, sugar, oil, butter, and sour cream were added and then Melanie, the youngest, cracked the eggs open, one by one, first into a bowl to make sure they were okay. My grandmother told me this was done because if an egg was bad, the other ingredients would be spoiled and the process would have to start all over again. Nanny Ray grew up with very little, so waste was to be avoided at all costs. Kari, a recent bride, then began mixing it all together – "one way," my grandmother had said and I now found myself repeating, "stir only one way." I hadn't figured that one out until I disobeyed and ended up with flour flying everywhere.

The yeast was added, the dough kneaded, then the big mixing pot was put on the stove beside a small pot of simmering water. I then covered both with one of my grandmother's tea towels, just as I was taught, and then passed on to the others that this was done to help the dough rise quicker.

I shortened the first rising so those who had to leave early could help cut the dough into buns. When this was completed, we put the pans back on the stove by the simmering water and went for a long lunch.

The best part of the process, the part the older ones remembered and were often allowed to help with, was adding the cinnamon. When the buns came out of the oven, they were broken apart and cinnamon sugar was sprinkled over the steamy dough. After a few minutes back in the oven for browning, and a moment to thank and remember Nanny Ray and



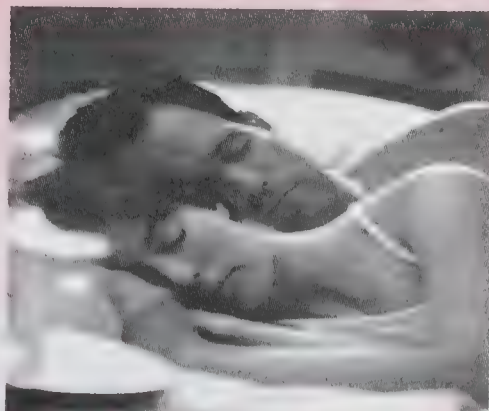
Baba (my grandmother's mother), we linked seven generations by nourishing our bodies and souls with those heavenly treats.

I don't know if the others will carry on in the traditional way. We joked about the significance of the number seven and how it seemed to suggest something evolutionary. Mechanical kneading machines and other time-saving devices were mentioned but somehow they just didn't seem right to me. I guess I'm a bit reluctant to let go of some of the old ways; I seem to be rooted in what's natural – and that changes slowly. Simplicity, patience, and conservation are what worked for those who came before me,

and now as I keep expanding in my knowledge and understanding, I try to ward off chaos by staying rooted in those ideals.

From the feedback I received, the day was a success. Linking back and linking together, the girls – and from what I hear, the boys too – had a most enriching experience.

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Crime Flashback

by Max Haines

The grisly contents would seal the fate of Henry Wainwright

Henry Wainwright led two lives.

In life number one, Henry had a large comfortable home, complete with loving wife, four children and servants. A big jolly man, Henry was beloved by all.

In 1875, Henry and his brother William were brush manufacturers, whose business was located on Whitechapel Road in London, England.

The brothers had inherited some money, enabling them to set up their own business and, for a while, partake in a rather pleasant lifestyle.

A lover of the arts, Henry often invited actors and actresses to his home for dinner with his family. Sometimes, in the style of the era, the performers would sing and recite for the Wainwrights.

As luck would have it, Henry's business was located beside the Pavilion Theatre, which was chock full of winsome young actresses.

Parcel Opened In Time....

Henry made the acquaintance of several sweet young things he didn't take home to entertain Mrs. Wainwright and the kiddies.

MADLY IN LOVE

Harriet Lane, a cute little blonde of 20, met Henry quite by chance. The chance meeting led to a casual drink in a nearby pub. A few more meetings and Harriet was madly in love with the obviously successful, fun-loving businessman.

Harriet had her standards. She insisted on marriage. Well, not exactly marriage, but at least the pretense of marriage.

She and Henry lived under the rather stylish name of Mr. and Mrs. Percy King. For three years, Henry ran his business and flirted with the showgirls as brush manufacturer Henry Wainwright.

The other half of the time he led life number two, as Percy King. Mr. and Mrs. King had two healthy babies. Harriet never had it so good. Henry generously supported her and the two children.

Then things took a turn for the worse. Henry's business declined, forcing him to assume a large mortgage on his warehouse in order to satisfy his creditors. His brother William withdrew from the business.

Harriet, of course, immediately felt the strain. Her allowance gradually decreased. She confided her secret to only one person, a Miss Wilmore. Miss Wilmore often babysat for Harriet and was privy to the information that Percy King was really Henry Wainwright.

With funds rapidly drying up, Harriet soon got into the habit of drowning her sorrows down at the local. She even had the gall to occasionally show up at the brush factory. She became cranky, argumentative and downright annoying.

Henry had a bright idea. He purchased a box of chloride of lime. Then he invited Harriet to take a trip on some pretense or other.

We know this for a fact, because Harriet told her friend Miss Wilmore that she and Henry would be away overnight. That same afternoon, three workmen who were employed near Henry's warehouse thought they heard three shots.

A few days later, Miss Wilmore dropped down to the brush factory to inquire about her friend Harriet, who she hadn't seen for days. Henry didn't blink an eye. He told Miss Wilmore that he had sent Harriet to Brighton for a rest.

Two more days passed. Henry had some sad news. Harriet had deserted him. She had met a lover in Brighton. Evidently he was an old flame, one Teddy Frieake. Henry believed they had taken off for the continent and might even marry.

Miss Wilmore smelled a rat. She knew Teddy and decided to inquire if he was still in town. Sure enough, Teddy was in London and had not seen Harriet for years. To add to Miss Wilmore's consternation, she received a letter, signed E. Frieake, describing his elopement with Harriet.

When Miss Wilmore told Teddy about the letter, he was furious. He looked up Henry, who once again didn't blink an eye. Henry laughingly told Teddy that a coincidence had taken place. He was referring to another Teddy Frieake. The real Teddy was understandably dubious. After all, there were not that many Frieakes around.

Time heals all wounds. Miss Wilmore took care of Harriet's two babies. Henry provided financial assistance. Harriet's father made a few inquiries, but since he had nine daughters, he found it quite difficult to keep track of them all.

Months passed. Henry's business did not improve. He received some financial help from another brother, Thomas, who ran an ironmonger business on the south side of the Thames, but nothing could save the brush business.

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SAD ANNIVERSARY

As the anniversary of Harriet's disappearance, or elopement if you wish, drew near, the brush business went bankrupt. Creditors prepared to take possession.

On Sept. 11, 1875, Henry asked a former employee named Stokes to help him carry some parcels. Stokes agreed to help and the two men went to the warehouse, where Henry produced two large parcels wrapped in oilcloth. Henry and Stokes were attempting to hail a carriage when Stokes, out of curiosity, opened a corner of the large parcel he was carrying. He observed a human hand. Just then, a carriage pulled up. Stokes, white with fear, assisted Henry in getting the two awkward parcels into the carriage.

Stokes watched as the carriage went down the road and stopped. Henry had recognized a chorus girl, Alice Day. He asked her if she would like to drive over London Bridge. Alice accepted and so started on a ride she would never forget. Meanwhile, Stokes swung into action and raced after the carriage. He implored passers-by and police to help him.

Finally, two police officers paid attention and caught up to the carriage in time to see Henry enter his brother's building carrying one of the large parcels. The police talked to the startled Alice Day as Henry reappeared from the building. He was annoyed: "Why do you interfere with me? I'm only going in to see an old friend of mine."

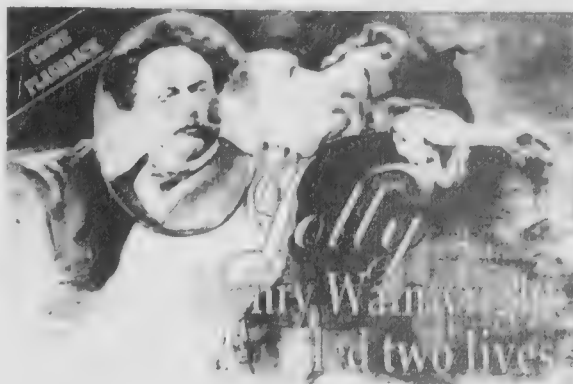
The police would have none of it. They herded Henry inside. In desperation, he said, "Look here, say nothing about this, ask no questions and here is 50 pounds for each of you." The police officers rejected the bribe. Instead, they told Henry to open the parcel.

He refused, begging the officers, "Don't open it. Pray don't look at it, whatever you do, don't touch it."

BODY PARTS

The officers opened the parcel. They recoiled at the sight of the year-old parts of Harriet Lane's body.

Henry and Alice were hauled down to the police station. Poor Alice, who didn't know what in the world was going on, spent an uncomfortable week in jail before she was completely exonerated of any implication in the murder. It had been quite a carriage ride.



Henry stood trial for Harriet's murder. He didn't have much of a chance after the principals in the case told their stories. His brother Thomas confessed to writing the letter signed E. Fricake. Thomas had also purchased a chopping block, a spade and the oilcloth used to wrap the body.

Thomas Wainwright was convicted as an accessory after the fact of murder and was sentenced to seven years imprisonment.

Henry was found guilty of murder and sentenced to death. He claimed to be innocent until the end.

Immediately before he was hanged, he confessed and even agreed that the sentence was just.

Young Stokes received a reward of 30 pounds and set himself up in business.

Alice Day became something of a celebrity and was promoted to lead dancer in the chorus line at the Pavilion Theatre.

After her rather unpleasant experience with Henry and his two macabre parcels, Alice developed a distinct aversion to carriage rides.

Illustration: file photo by Sun - Henry Wainwright maintained his innocence right up to the moment of his hanging, when he confessed to murder.



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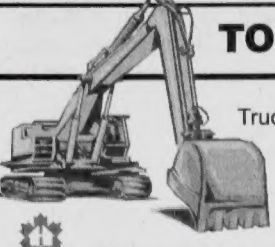
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bottom of 3rd girl's skirt is missing

Who Dun-it?

Solution from pg. 22

"Why are you so sure?" asked Walker.
"Both said they didn't know about the crime," Stanwick explained, "yet one of them – Salomar – clearly showed he knew the professor had been struck in the head. How did he know the man had been struck rather than shot or stabbed? The paper only said the professor was 'attacked.' Salomar's the guy, Matt."
Walker picked up the phone with a grin. "It's a good thing I have the DA on speed-dial!"

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